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Europe affirms Palestine rights

BRUSSELS, Sept. 16 (R) — The European Common Market has reaffirmed support for Palestinian rights in the Middle East and called for a speedy restoration of democratic rule in Turkey.

Foreign ministers of the nine-nation community said they would continue their own "Middle East peace initiative" launched last summer, and would meet again in New York next week to decide on further action.

The foreign ministers met for four hours until almost midnight Monday night at the start of a two-day session on international affairs and other issues affecting the European Economic Community (EEC).

On the Middle East, the foreign ministers heard a lengthy report from Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn on a nine-nation fact-finding tour of the Middle East, completed last month, which he undertook at the community's request.

The ministers will discuss the Middle East again at a meeting in New York next Tuesday shortly before Thorn addresses the U.N. General Assembly. The Luxembourg minister is current president of the EEC council of ministers.

Sir Ian Gilmour, Britain's Deputy Foreign Minister, said the ministers regarded Thorn's mission as valuable and believed their Middle East peace efforts should continue, based on a statement they issued in June affirming support for Israel's security as well as Palestinian political rights.

"That appeal was strongly reaffirmed this evening," the British minister said. He said it was too early to say what the Common Market countries would do to press their initiative, but that it was "pretty generally realized that Europe should not act separately from America."

U.S. diplomats have expressed concern that European governments should do nothing that could disrupt U.S.-sponsored direct talks between Egypt and Israel. "The feeling is that we should press on with what is being done and that it's a valuable exercise," Sir Ian Gilmour said.

Conference sources said Thorn had so far made no specific recommendations about future moves. The ministers also decided to continue a separate dialogue with Arab states, but took no firm decision when this should be done.

The foreign ministers said in a statement they intended continuing normal relations with Turkey on the understanding that its new military leaders would fulfil pledges of a return to democratic practice. They said EEC had been following events in Turkey with concern.

The ministers hoped that these declarations would be put into effect fully and quickly and declared that the community would continue its cooperation with Turkey.



GREETING MILITARY: Crown Prince Fahd received Tuesday at the Royal Court in Taif the new Thai ambassador to the Kingdom, Sotat Sita, who presented his credentials as his country's ambassador here. The Crown Prince also received Armed Forces and Royal Guard personnel, who offered their condolences on the martyrs of the military plane crash of early Monday. The audience was attended by Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, chief of staff. Earlier, the prince received ulama and sheikhs as the royal custom every Monday. Prince Fahd congratulated Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo on the occasion of the national day of Mexico Tuesday.

Role in NATO maintained

Turkish Cabinet 'this week'

ANKARA, Sept. 16 (R) — Turkey's armed forces chief and leader of last week's coup, Gen. Kenan Evren, said Tuesday a council of ministers would be formed this week. The cabinet, however, would remain under the country's five top military men who make up the national security council.

At his first press conference since Friday's pre-dawn takeover, Gen. Evren said a provisional constitution would be prepared shortly and a constituent assembly would be set up.

He gave no details immediately on the form of the new cabinet.

Gen. Evren said his regime would implement an economic stability program drawn up by the deposed government. He said: "The economic stability program which has been launched to get the country out of this economic crisis, to improve the living conditions of our people, to create new investment

and employment opportunities by accelerating economic development, will continue to be implemented."

"Measures will be taken to facilitate the functioning of the economy following its own laws."

Gen. Evren called on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and economic and financial institutions to support the program.

He was clearly referring to billions of dollars of loans pledged to Turkey by Western governments, banks and institutions before the coup.

"Legislative measures needed to overcome the present economic crisis will receive urgent consideration in the solution of these (economic) problems," he said.

The armed forces chief added: "All bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties in the political and economic fields as well as in the field of security, to which Turkey adhered shall remain valid."

"Turkey will continue to carry out its commitments contained in them on the basis of reciprocity. Our relations with the NATO alliance will be maintained. We believe that this alliance preserves its importance for safeguarding international peace and security."

Some 200 local and foreign journalists crowded into the prime ministry to hear the 62-year-old general, in uniform but hatless, who spoke in Turkish.

Gen. Evren appeared to hint at a possible crackdown on political extremists when he said that rightist and leftist reactionary ideas had been taught in Turkey's schools and universities.

Gen. Evren indicated that an Islamic rally in Konya last month, led by Necmettin Erbakan, chairman of the Muslim National Salvation Party (NSP) had been an important trigger of the military takeover. At the rally, the Muslims defied Turkey's secular laws by wearing banned religious dress and carrying arabic placards.

"When one carefully reads the statements made by a party leader in a congress in Canakkale (a town in western Turkey), one would immediately recognize what aims they are after," Gen. Evren said. This was also clearly a reference to a speech by Erbakan at an Islamic youth congress last month. Gen. Evren's remarks appeared to suggest that Erbakan, now detained on an island in the Aegean, could be prosecuted by the military.

The leader of the far-right Nationalist Movement Party (NMP), Alpaslan Turkes, accused by moderates of having armed and encouraged rightwing militants, is also detained on the island.

Ousted Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel and Social Democratic leader Bulent Ecevit are being detained in a seaside base for military officers at Gelibolu (Gallipoli), west Turkey.

Syria criticizes Turkish regime

DAMASCUS, Sept. 16 (AP) — Syria's state-run news media Tuesday attacked the new military regime in neighboring Turkey as a fascist junta serving United States interests.

"This is another specimen of the fascist and monopolistic regimes the United States seeks to impose everywhere to protect its imperialist interests," the newspaper *Tishrin* said.

"We cannot overlook the fact the coup d'etat in Turkey came while the Turkish people were pressing for a severance of relations with Israel and forced the government to close its consulate in Jerusalem," the newspaper said.

The state-run Damascus radio devoted considerable coverage to Turkish developments, both in its Arabic and Turkish language broadcasts. "It is not true that Gen. (Kenan) Evren wants to hit equally against both the left and the right wing (extremists) in Turkey," the radio said.

OPEC agrees to negotiate new world economic order

By Scott Pendleton

VIENNA, Sept. 16 — OPEC oil and foreign ministers Tuesday agreed to negotiate a new world economic order with the developed nations at the United Nations.

In exchange for a pricing formula which would guarantee the industrialized nations stable crude oil supplies and gradual price increases, OPEC would be asking for investment in less-developed countries, economic aid and transfer of technology.

At the close of the third of four scheduled meetings on long-term strategy Humberto Calderon-Berti, Venezuelan oil minister, said that the OPEC ministers were agreed about the need for a dialogue between the developed and developing countries.

"This is very important to us," he said. "We believe that our problems are the same as the rest of the developing countries."

In this respect, the meeting produced similar results to the first OPEC summit meeting held in Algiers in March of 1975. At that meeting the heads of state of the OPEC countries blamed the world economic crisis on the industrialized nations and called for a "new economic order founded on justice and fraternity."

However, the North-South dialogue that sought to negotiate economic concessions and aid for the Third World foundered on the refusal of the industrialized nations to give up any advantage of substance.

In calling for new talks, through a declaration to be issued at the OPEC summit meeting at Baghdad in November, OPEC intends to take a more adamant position than in 1975. It has stated that the negotiations must be within the framework of the U.N., which the United States had opposed previously because of the preponderance of Third World countries in that organization.

This is precisely the advantage that OPEC intends to exploit. "Our relations with the developing nations will help our negotiations at the U.N.," Calderon-Berti said. It is OPEC's intention to align the Third World behind them and then negotiate en masse, and not as OPEC.

OPEC will enlist the support of the Third World by strengthening their relations through economic aid. The ministers meeting in Vienna have repeatedly stressed that this is one of their top priorities.

The exact organ for distributing the aid was the issue before the delegates at the session Monday. On the aspect of the long-term strategy the delegates appear to have made considerable progress.

Now the ministers are saying that the Algerian and Venezuelan proposal for an OPEC-only development bank is compatible with the Iraqi concept of a joint fund to which the industrialized countries would also contribute.

Both Calderon-Berti and Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto called the two approaches "complementary" Tuesday morning. They indicated that the Algerian-Venezuelan formula could be implemented immediately. The Iraqi proposal, which would obviously require lengthy negotiations with the Western nations, could be implemented later.

Calderon-Berti was adamant on the need for some form of aid right away.

OPEC has made notably less progress on the pricing mechanism aspect of the long term strategy. The ministers closed their second session Monday night a full hour late, an indication of the disharmony within the walls of the Hofburg Palace where the meetings are being held.

Iran, which two weeks ago sent a scathing letter to the Saudi Arabian and Iraqi governments over the oil glut, launched an hour long tirade against the kingdom. At one point Mofarrah accused Saudi Arabia of profiting from the oil glut to the tune of \$100 million a day. Saudi Arabia said that it at least was charging less than the ceiling price agreed upon at Algiers, while the Iranians were exceeding it. Iran also issued a letter of objections to the present proposed-pricing mechanism which amounted to an entire counter proposal.

The other delegates didn't welcome the Iranian concept. Rather than consider it themselves, they appointed a committee of technical aides to study it. Their report was to be issued to the full final meeting of the ministers Tuesday night.

The counterproposal is likely to get a frosty reception. Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdulkarim, whose country is practically at war with Iran, stated Tuesday that "it's too late for a new proposal." UAE Oil Minister Man said Otaiba commented that "we are not going to go over it again and we are not going to accept any other proposal."

Mofarrah refused to reveal the contents of his counterproposal, but said only that he objected to the composition of the current proposed price indexing system.

Calderon-Berti said that the Iranians "think we can take account of some additional factors," but he added that "we gave our support in Taif (to the original proposal) and we will continue our support now."

Iran had objected with Libya and Algeria to the fact that the pricing mechanism increased the price of oil based on increases in the export prices of OECD nations, rather than the actual prices paid by the OPEC

members. But meetings of the long-term strategy committee in Taif at the end of July and in London in September were said to have resolved most of the objections.

Thus the Iranian proposal is thought to contain a new item that ought to affect the price of oil, perhaps a direct decrease of production. The final session of the long-term strategy meeting opened Tuesday night. Most ministers have expressed confidence that the strategy will be agreed upon by them. Should the ministers not reach agreement Tuesday, they might continue their discussions on Wednesday or at a second ministerial meeting now almost certainly scheduled for Nov. 2 and 3, just prior to the summit in Baghdad.

However, Otaiba warned that if the ministers did not reach agreement on the long-term strategy by Tuesday night, then little progress could be made at the meeting of oil ministers on Wednesday.

Yemen Airways gets \$10m

SANAA, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Yemen Airways capital was doubled Tuesday with Saudi Arabia paying \$10 million into the venture began in 1978 with joint Saudi-Yemeni funds.

The company's board sought the capital increase to meet its financial commitments and allow a cash flow to proceed with projects already scheduled.

Ambassador Sheikh Trad Abdullah Al-Harthi presented the Kingdom's check to the chairman of Yemen Airways,

Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad Al-Heimi. Harthi said he was pleased to see the joint project expanding, both for economic reasons and for progress in air transport itself. He praised Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan for his help in the progress of the company, and also noted the assistance of Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national airline.

The \$10 million will speed up the improvement in the company's situation, the company chairman, Heimi, said.

Iraqis sink Iranian gunboat

BEIRUT, Sept. 16 (R) — Iraqi forces have claimed that they had sunk an Iranian gunboat and burnt two others in the disputed Shatt Al-Arab waterway at the head of the Gulf.

The gunboat sank with its crew on board after being hit in clashes Sunday, according to a defense ministry statement distributed from Baghdad by the Iraqi News Agency on Monday.

The defense ministry spokesman said that there were renewed clashes this morning involving Iraqi troops, artillery and planes. Fighting between the two major oil exporters erupted earlier this month along the southern part of their 1,200-kilometers border.

Two Iraqi soldiers were wounded in Monday's fighting, the spokesman added. Iranian losses were not known, he stated.

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan Monday pledged his support for Iraq in its defense against Iran, official sources said.

"We would like to express Jordan's stand in supporting and backing Iraq in its defense of its soil and strengthening brotherly cooperation existing between our two countries," Hussein told Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in a telephone conversation, officials said.

The two leaders also exchanged views about recent Arab developments, the sources said.

Bahrain, Britain discuss M.E., Gulf

LONDON, SEPT. 16 (R) — Bahrain's Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al-Khalifa, Tuesday discussed Middle East and Gulf problems during talks lasting an hour with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"Sheikh Khalifa praised Mrs. Thatcher's understanding of Gulf problems and her wish to explore ways of improving trade and economic relations and to establish better political contacts," Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Almoayyed said after the meeting.

"He feels confident, as a result that there will be further contacts at all levels, not just

between Bahrain and Britain but between the Gulf and Europe, toward a better understanding of political and economic problems, the information minister added.

British officials described the meeting as "very cordial and useful," and said the two prime ministers discussed bilateral relations and the situation in the Middle East, including Iran and Gulf questions.

Sheikh Khalifa then attended a lunch in his honor by the Bank of England and its governor, Richardson. British exports to Bahrain were worth 123.5 million sterling (\$296 million) last year, and 19 British banks are active there.

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Air college pilot class to graduate in Riyadh

RIYADH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — A ceremony at King Faisal Air College Wednesday will mark the graduation of the 12th class of pilots and technicians. The ceremony will be held under Prince Sattam, deputy Riyadh governor, on behalf of Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

The ceremony will involve military and air displays, it was reported. The college was established 10 years ago, and throughout the year admits applicants with secondary school

certificates, to its art and science departments.

During the three-year course, students enjoy free housing, food and clothes in addition to SR717 monthly. Once students begin flight training, the monthly payment increases to SR2,317. Graduates are appointed at the rank of Lt. Pilot with SR5,535 monthly salaries.

In other educational developments, the Administrative Board of King Faisal University of Dammam will hold its first meeting Monday. Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki, the university's under secretary, will preside over the meeting which will be attended by board members and faculty deans.

Educational policy for the academic year 1980-81 will be a major subject of discussion. The board will also consider proposals concerning the educational rules of KFU, and approve internal faculty regulations.

The meeting will cover the university's development projects, some academic issues and facilities.

Meanwhile, Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's Faculty of Arab Language has announced that personal interviews for part-time students wishing to join the faculty for the next academic year will start Saturday.

The interviews will be at the faculty's main building in Riyadh. It urged students who earlier had joined the faculty to renew their enrollment by Nov. 8.

In Hasa, five educational projects costing SR 40 million in the Eastern Province Education Directorate have been completed, it was reported. A building for the Hasa Education Directorate cost SR14 million, and SR26 million was spent on two primary and two intermediate schools.

Japan firm to study Jubail plant proposal

RIYADH, Sept. 16 — The Kingdom took another step toward implementation of a proposed petrochemical plant at Jubail, with the signing this week of an agreement between the Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) and the Saudi Petrochemicals Development Co. (SPDC).

The letter of intent for a feasibility study is with Chiyoda Chemical and Engineering Co., Ltd. of Japan. This is first phase of the ethylene-based petrochemical project, to be located in the industrial city and scheduled to be operating by 1985. The complex will be owned by SABIC and SPDC.

Luncheons resuming

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — The British Businessman's luncheon begins again this Sunday, after a recess during summer.

The luncheon meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Sheraton Hotel here.



COUNCIL MEETS: The Council of Ministers met Monday night, when it was briefed on new projects in Medina.

Council ok's military uniform study

TAIF, Sept. 16 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers met Monday night, under Crown Prince Fahd. The council sent a message of condolence to King Khaled on the Hercules C-130 military plane crash near Medina, early Monday.

Communications Minister Sheikh Hussain Mansouri, the acting minister of information, said after the meeting that the council authorized the Ministry of

Industry and Electricity to study the establishment of a company to build a factory for military clothing.

Defense Minister Prince Sultan, has presented a report proposing issuing clothing allowances to military men rather than distributing clothes. The General Committee of the council will study the subject and recommend what should be done until the factory to provide military uniforms is built, Mansouri said.

Club's fifth festival

Thoroughbreds race at Taif

TAIF, Sept. 16 (SPA) — The Feroziya Club held its fifth race festival Monday for Arab thoroughbred horses and camels at Hawiyya race course here. Prince Khaled ibn Badr's Mamdook finished first, winning the Massif cup and SR20,000 for local beginner horses.

The festival involved six races. The first part, for Sudanese camels pursuing the SR5,000 Wadi Ikrimah prize, was won by Khitam of Sharif Zaid ibn Ahmad. Prince Saud ibn Muhammad's Wared and Labaq came second and fourth, respectively. Sharif's Redan finished third.

The second race, for the SR9,000 Wadia prize for beginner horses, Prince Faisal ibn Badr's Rasha finished first. Prince Abdul Rahman Al-Abdullah Al-Faisal's Murabi Al-Aiyal won the second place; Prince Saud ibn Muhammad's Najm Al-Shari, third; Prince Miteb ibn Abdullah's Rishah, fourth; and Prince Nawaf ibn Yazid ibn Saud's Burhan, fifth.

The third part was for third class horses that did not win any races, on the SR11,000 Ibel prize. Prince Turki ibn Bandar ibn Khaled's Aqqab finished first, followed by Marwan of Prince Mishal ibn Abdullah. Prince Muhammad ibn Saud's Ayyan came third; Prince Faisal ibn Abdullah's Dalilah,

fourth; and Prince Saud ibn Yazid ibn Saud's Kaidah, fifth.

The race for third class horses that had won races, was taken by Prince Mishal ibn Yazid ibn Saud's Jamrah. The prize was SR11,000. Shikha, of Prince Faisal ibn Khaled, finished second, followed by Prince Faisal ibn Abdullah's Aniffah and Jamila, and Prince Muhammad ibn Saud's Shared.

Second class horses competed in the SR13,000 Madaen Saleh race. Prince Khaled ibn Badr's Jarrah came first; Prince Faisal ibn Khaled's Azzam, second; Prince Saud ibn Muhammad's Rajwa, third; and Amer of Nizar Abul Jadayel, fourth.

Al-Laheq, of Prince Saud ibn Muhammad, triumphed over other first class horses to win the SR15,000 Nahd Al-Zahab prize.

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Asr	3.49	3.31	3.20
Maghreb	6.26	6.27	5.57
Isha	7.56	7.57	7.27

Pilgrim road centers open

HASA, Sept. 16 (SPA) — The Hasa Traffic Department has opened two centers for serving pilgrims on the Salwa road and Khurais road. Pilgrims coming from Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman by land will use the Salwa road, and those from the Eastern Province will drive on the Khurais road.

The centers provide personnel and machine services for the pilgrims according to the traffic plan of the Eastern Province department. Patrol vehicles will assist pilgrim traffic on the province's roads to Mecca.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments will sign SR7.1 million worth contracts for building ten mosques in the Eastern Province, according to the director general of endowments in the Eastern Province.

Ibrahim Al-Seif said Tuesday the mosques will be located in Baqia, Hijrat Al-Rejha, Abi Maan, Hijrat Al-Lassafa, Ruhaimah,

Khafji, Sarrah, Abu Thaqba and Hasa. The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments has built 11 mosques in the Dammam area during the last six years, a statement by the Mosques Affairs Agency of the ministry said. The total cost of the mosques, with basic services and furniture, amounted to SR11.3 million.

Jordan ties affirmed

AMMAN, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Jordanian Interior Minister Sulaiman Arrar received Tuesday Saudi Arabian Ambassador Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Sultan. They reviewed bilateral relations and ways of promoting cooperation in the services of the interior ministries.

Arrar praised the Saudi-Jordanian relations and said that they are always progressing. He hailed the cooperation between the two countries, especially in training internal security personnel.

comment

By Hamad Al-Qadhi
Al-Jazirah

People of this country who knew nothing but the blessings of God were struck with panic once again. Only the other day a fire in a civilian plane in Riyadh consumed the lives of 301 passengers, and now a military aircraft falls down in Medina to take away the lives of 89 servicemen travelling in it.

No doubt, it is a matter of immeasurable grief to lose so many precious souls, but there is something far bigger than this. It is the will of God, before which we can do nothing but to submit in total humility. God gives us life and takes it when He wants, and when we believe in this reality our hearts find real solace and consolation.

The tragedy reminds me of a small story about one of our God-fearing and virtuous ancestors. He lost one of his two sons in a fire. It was not long before he was deprived of his second and last son who fell prey to a total disease. His friends and relatives felt sad and did not know how to console him on the loss of his second son too. They were afraid the man might die of grief.

Anyhow, they gathered courage and went to him to offer their condolences, but they were taken back to find him reading the Holy Koran in complete tranquillity. As his eyes fell upon them, he stood to greet them and do them honor. "Why don't look sad?" they asked. "We thought the grief would have shattered your heart."

With the strength of a believer, he replied: "He who had given them to me has now taken them back from me. It is His judgment which I don't have to question. Why, then, should I be sad?"

When, as human beings, we cannot overpower the grief, we cannot also stop what has been divine-ordained. Although the successive incidents have been extremely tragic, we can only pray that Almighty God bless the martyrs with His boundless mercy and grant solace to the bereaved families.

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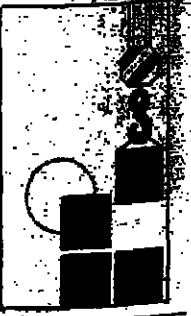
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Military personnel evacuating W. Bank

GAZA, Sept. 16 (R) — Gaza Mayor Iashed Shawa has charged that Israel was withdrawing military and government personnel as part of a plan to institute unilateral autonomy in the area occupied since 1967.

"The plan is apparently part of a deal between Israel and Egypt, and probably the United States, to get the Palestinian autonomy negotiations moving again," Shawa told Reuters, Monday.

He said he had sent an emissary to Beirut to inform the Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat of the Israeli plan. "If the plan goes through, there will be bloodshed and anarchy in Gaza among rival factions which Israel will use as a pretext to return and rule again," the mayor said.

Shawa has repeatedly rejected plans for Palestinian autonomy, the subject of negotiations among Egypt, Israel and the United States which are to resume at an unspecified date after the suspension provoked by Israel's annexation of Arab East Jerusalem.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt first proposed that Israel and Egypt agree on a model for autonomy to introduce initially in Gaza, where the Egyptians governed until Israel occupied the area in the 1967 Middle East war.

Pakistan changes tax regulation

RAWALPINDI, Sept. 16 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Zia-ul-Haq defused a source of potentially serious opposition to his martial law government Monday by announcing changes in his controversial Zakat tax.

The changes were made under strong pressure from Pakistan's minority sect community and were announced on the last day of a deadline Gen. Zia had promised to meet when more than 100,000 demonstrators occupied government buildings in Islamabad in July.

The sect opposed the general's imposition of the tax which compulsorily removed two and a half percent of all savings in bank accounts above 1,000 rupees (\$100). According to the sect belief the tax should be voluntary.

The tax, basically a social security levy, which collected 580 million rupees (about \$58 million) was for distribution to the poor. It was introduced last June.

After two days of consultations with religious leaders from the sect and another majority sect and government officials, Gen. Zia announced that the tax would remain compulsory but individuals could seek exemption by declaring before a shariat (religious) court that it was against their beliefs.

The leaders accepted the new provision. The religious leaders also agreed to raise the basic limit for savings before tax to 2600 rupees (\$260).

In addition the general said in a statement he would add a clause to Pakistan's constitution guaranteeing the law of each Muslim sect and its beliefs.

The religious leaders were reported by the government to have discussed Islamic punishment for theft but could not agree on how it should be carried out.

The administrator general of the Zakat fund, I. A. Imtiaz, said the government and the sect leaders would study the matter further and hoped to reach a decision in a couple of months.

Planes, Afghan crisis Zia, Carter to hold talks in Washington next month

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 16 (AP) — A meeting is being arranged for early next month in Washington between U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Pakistani President Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, sources said Monday. The Washington meeting, expected to fall Oct. 4, would be the first bilateral session between Zia and a Western head of government since the April 1977 changing of power when Pakistani Prime Minister Zul Fikar Ali Bhutto was ousted said the sources, who declined to be identified.

Although the encounter apparently will be brief, the Pakistani strongman was expected to raise the Afghan crisis while making a pitch for acquiring the latest generation of warplanes, which the United States is presently not willing to send Pakistan even for hard cash, they said.

Pakistani sources said Zia, for domestic political reasons, would like to be seen in the company of Western leaders. But his regime, which earlier this year flatly rejected a proposed \$400-million U.S. aid package as "peanuts," is no longer counting on resumed American military assistance, although it would welcome economic aid.

Despite official denials, Asian and Western diplomatic sources say the martial law regime hopes to pick up one billion dollars or more from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to cover new arms purchases. A Pakistani spokesman denied a recent report of Saudi aid in exchange for a 10,000 man Pakistani combat force.

"I'm sure the United States is interested in seeing Zia do his shopping (for weaponry) in America, rather than France which he may visit immediately afterward," said one nonaligned diplomat.

Pakistan has purchased between \$35 million and \$38 million worth of U.S. arms during the current fiscal year, ending Sept. 30, in one purchase, it updated Chinese-built MiG-19s by equipping them with American-made sidewinder air-to-air missiles.

But its air force is demanding the latest in fighter-bomber technology to replace squadrons of Korean war vintage planes. The United States is offering F-5s, while Pakistan has been eyeing the more modern F-15s and 16s.

Neither Zia nor Carter are expected to bring up the potentially divisive nuclear issue which soured relations last year and led to the cutoff of new development assistance. U.S. intelligence experts believed then as now that Pakistan is edging toward nuclear capability.

But Western diplomatic sources said the Carter administration has been willing to soften its nuclear-proliferation and human rights stands where Pakistan is concerned because of its new strategic importance arising from massive Soviet military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan last December.

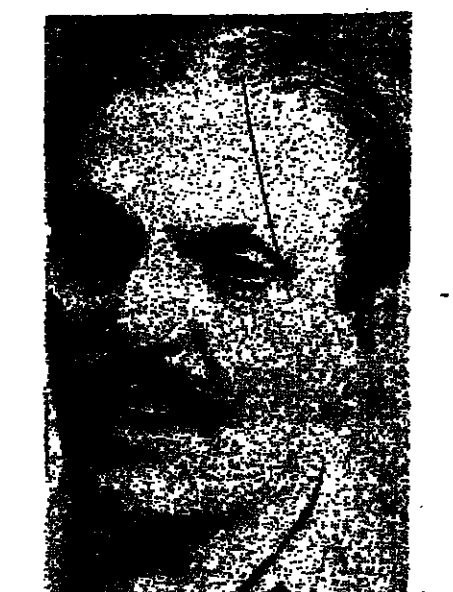
The human rights situation here has improved somewhat with the phasing out late last year of public floggings, observers said. But political activities are banned by Presidential decree, moderate opposition leader Asghar Khan is behind bars for criticizing the regime, and the press is censored.

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BRIEFS

ABU DHABI, (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) cabinet Monday approved a new press law guaranteeing journalists freedom of expression providing they do not insult Islam, incite people against the government or serve foreign interests. Information Minister Sheikh Ahmed Ben Hamed, giving details of the law to the official Emirates Press Agency, said the UAE press could not be completely free because it had "national development responsibilities."

JERUSALEM, (R) — The leader of an extreme Jewish movement was sentenced Monday to nine months' jail for disturbing the peace and obstructing a policeman. The Israeli military court in Ramallah in the occupied Jordan West Bank sentenced Rabbi Meir Kahane for incidents in Nablus in July 1979 and in April this year in Ramallah.

AMMAN, (R) — Italian President Sandro Pertini will pay a three-day state visit to Jordan from Sept. 29, the royal palace announced Tuesday. The visit will be at the invitation of King Hussein, the announcement added.

Sabah, Onn to discuss trade ties

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 16 (AP) — The ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmad al-Sabah, arrived here late Monday for talks with Prime Minister Hussein Onn and other officials on closer economic cooperation between the two Muslim nations. Malaysian officials said that talks will focus on details of a \$100 million company being established between Kuwaiti and Malaysian government-backed enterprises to invest in palm oil, rubber, crude petroleum refining and other projects here.

They added that discussions will also be held on details of an oil exchange between the two countries. Malaysia has proposed that Kuwait get some of Malaysia's high quality, low sulphur content crude oil in exchange for heavier Kuwaiti crude, which Malaysia can use for running its automobiles and other machines.

Currently the Malaysian oil, which fetches higher prices than the heavier crude, is sold to Japan, the United States and other countries. The exchange will ensure Malaysia a long-term supply of heavy crude.

Malaysian officials said Kuwait had agreed to these two projects in principle earlier this year when Malaysian Finance Minister, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, visited Kuwait. The ruler was greeted on arrival by Malaysian Yang di-Pertuan Agung (king), Sultan Ahmad Shah and the prime minister.

Senghor seeks development aid from UAE

ABU DHABI, Sept. 16 (R) — President Leopold Sedar Senghor of Senegal has arrived in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Nahayan, the official Emirates News Agency said.

President Senghor visited the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait earlier this year seeking finance for a billion dollar development scheme for the Senegal river valley.

The three oil states are among Western and Arab countries and international organizations which are joining to pay for the scheme by Senegal, Mali and Mauritania. The plan involves building several large dams to irrigate the surrounding drought-stricken region.

69 with illegal passports leave Sweden for Lebanon

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 16 (R) — Sweden has deported to Lebanon 69 illegal immigrants who recently entered this country on forged documents, police said. The 43 adults and 26 children were flown to Beirut Monday morning on a chartered plane after Lebanese authorities had promised to take care of them upon arrival.

Meanwhile Swedish immigration officials were investigating the case of some 100 more immigrants being held by police. Officials said between 700 and 900 forged documents had been forged in Lebanon, but they believed Monday's deportation would make potential immigrants change their minds about coming to Sweden.

Police said some immigrants who had come by ferries to southern Sweden had been returned to West Germany, where they came from. Two Swedish security police officers returned Sunday from Lebanon, where they helped search for the printing press used to produce the forged documents. A security police spokesman however declined to comment on press reports here that four suspects had been arrested in Beirut.

The Swedish embassy in Beirut said 900 forged passports and other documents have been sold in the Lebanese capital. Two hundred Lebanese have thus far tried to enter Sweden with false identification and visas, about 50 have been allowed to stay temporarily while their cases are investigated by the Swedish immigration board.

The deportees were all Christian Assyrians, a sect that traditionally supported rightist politicians in Lebanon before and during the nation's 1975-79 civil war. There is still no clue as to why the Assyrians wanted to leave Lebanon and live in Sweden. Reporters were barred from talking with the deportees on their arrivals.

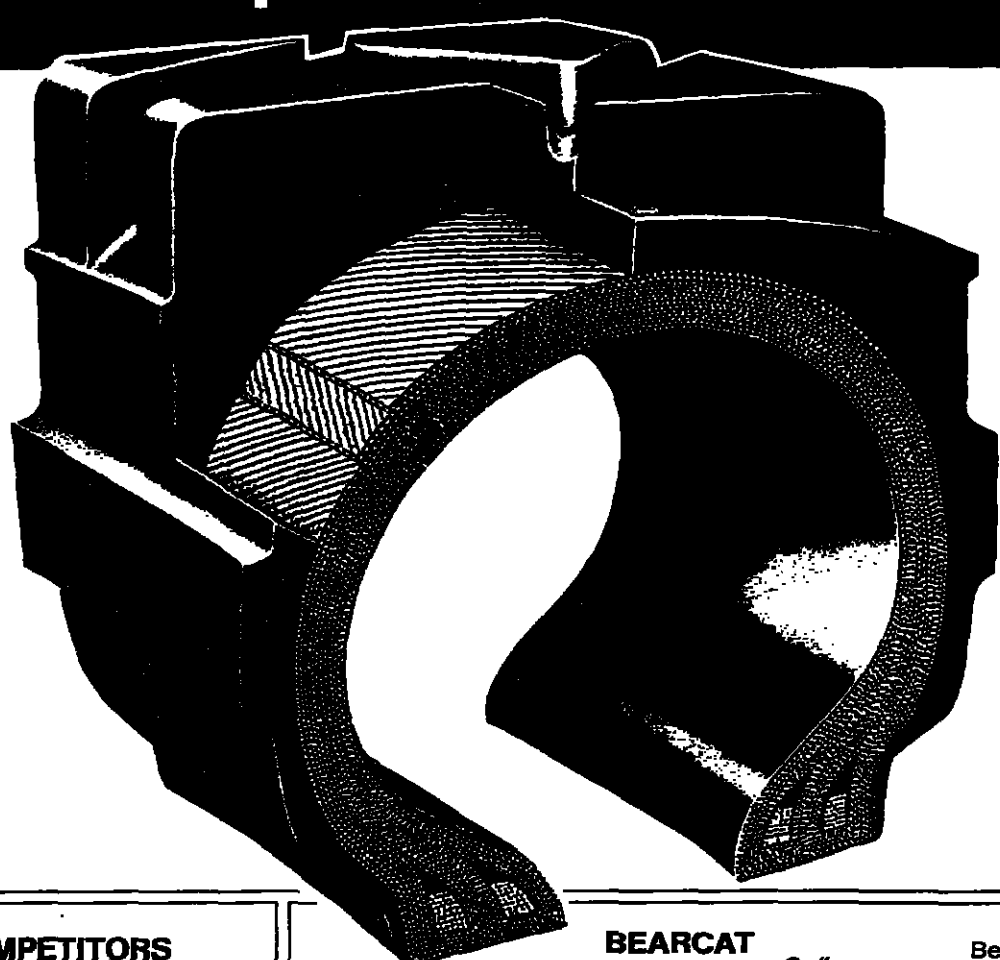
One security officer told reporters the deportees would be interrogated before being allowed to reside again in Lebanon. They were accused by Swedish police of entering Sweden on forged passports and work permits.

A chartered plane flew them in from Arlanda airport outside Stockholm after some delays. One Lebanese refused to get on the plane and was carried aboard.

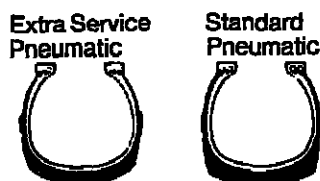


SHAMIR IN CAIRO: Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, telling reporters in Cairo after his two hour meeting with Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali (right) recently that he has invited Ghali to visit Israel. Shamir was in Egypt at the invitation of Ghali.

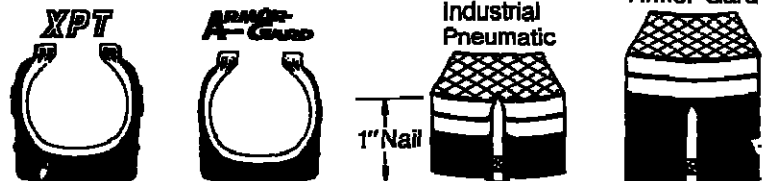
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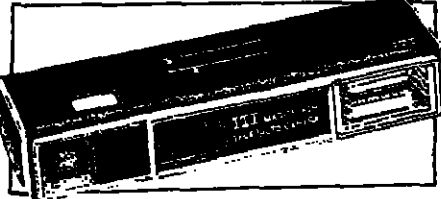


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Muskie says U.S. set for arms talks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Secretary of State Edmund Muskie has said that the U.S. is ready to quickly begin in-depth discussions with the Soviet Union about the stationing of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Speaking at a news conference Monday, Muskie also cautioned against excessive optimism about a quick resolution to the Iran-American hostage crisis and called on Congress to stop opposing the sale of 38 tons of enriched uranium to India.

He also defended the Carter administration's support for continued representation by the Khmer rouge at the United Nations, saying the stand did not constitute U.S. recognition of the former Cambodian regime.

Muskie said he would attempt to set a date for the start of talks with Moscow about stationing missiles in Europe when he next meets with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25 in New York.

Muskie said that President Jimmy Carter continues to be resolved to obtain congressional ratification for the second strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT-II) with Moscow. But such ratification could be complicated by the November presidential elections, the secretary said.

About Poland, Muskie said that the United States would consider all requests for economic aid within certain legal limits. U.S. law prohibits direct aid to Communist countries.



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He said that Moscow's stand on the Polish crisis was not yet clear, but its announcement of increased aid to Poland indicated that it would help that country to overcome current economic difficulties.

Muskie also urged Congress to drop its opposition to the sale of 38 tons of enriched uranium to India for that country's Tarapur nuclear power station.

Helsinki a hot issue at Madrid

MADRID, Sept. 16 (AP) — European Security Conference planners from 35 nations took up the touchy issue Monday of an agenda to review the five-year-old Helsinki agreements on human rights and detente.

A handful of neutral or non-aligned nations were suggesting a possible compromise to avoid a U.S.-Soviet clash over conference rules. With the United States favoring rules adopted two years ago that would let it take the Soviet Union to task over the invasion of Afghanistan, political repression at home and with the Soviet-led East Bloc opposing that idea, Austria, Malta and Switzerland suggested rules' amendments should be considered. Spain said changes should not be ruled out.

But the suggestions in the second week of the preparatory phase for the Nov. 11 review conference, to be held in Madrid, brought caution warnings from Britain, Finland and Luxembourg.

Chief British delegate Michael Tait told the meeting it should move "very, very carefully at this stage" in considering changing rules adopted by the same 35 nations at the 1977-78 Belgrade review conference.

The United States and the Soviet Union kept silent.

A Soviet spokesman later told reporters "our posture in regard to the present preparatory sessions is positive."

A U.S. spokesman said U.S.-Soviet delegates had been in contact last Friday before the weekend recess, but gave no details. The Americans also met for three hours over the weekend with the Yugoslav delegation, one of the non-aligned nations asked by Hungary and Norway to put an agenda proposal before the session.

Although the Soviets have made no formal announcement of their rules position, a non-Soviet Eastern source said the Soviets would not accept rules adopted at Belgrade that call for periodic meetings to review compliance with the Helsinki accords.

Chief Soviet delegate Yuri Dubinin hinted as much in opening remarks to the meeting in stressing the Soviet Union felt the system of rules used at the Helsinki meeting should be reapplied. The Helsinki agreements called for the Belgrade review, but no meetings after that.

Western delegates read this as a move by the Soviets to have the option to oppose a post-Madrid review, if they felt they were treated too harshly here.

Informed diplomats said Austria, Sweden, Finland, Malta, Yugoslavia and Switzerland had worked out a proposed agenda, but decided not to present it yet because of opposition from some Eastern nations that felt it favored the West.



DOUBLE-DECKER: John Castele holds his grandson, 20-month-old John Sweet, after the child crashed two cars off an elevated driveway onto a patio at Beckley, West Virginia. Along with his grandmother the boy was sitting in a parked car with the engine running when he shifted the car into gear. It pushed the car ahead of it through a railing, then rolled down the roof to the ground. The grandmother was slightly injured.

'Big Mac' excluded

Londoners win burger battle

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP) — When the snooty burghers of London's well-heeled Hampstead district say they do not like American burgers, they mean it — as McDonald's Hamburgers found out, the hard way.

The normally peaceable residents of the sedate, leafy, northwest suburb produced petitions, protest songs, slogans, car stickers, demonstrations and a local council lobby to stop McDonalds from setting up shop in Hampstead. This week the Hampstead residents won when the council, Camden, turned down McDonald's application — and "Big Mac" is still wondering what hit it.

"We were really taken aback. Quite frankly, we've never run into anything like it before," said Michael Hayden, British marketing manager for the giant U.S. company.

"We were really surprised by the level of hostility we encountered," said Philip Cobden, McDonald's British property manager. Burgers are being in London, where McDonald's first arrived six years ago. There are now 43 McDonalds in the city.

Solidly middle class, with the grass, trees and ponds, and the feel of open countryside, and with big old-fashioned houses that fetch well over \$360,000 Hampstead is one of London's most sought-after residential areas.

Its residents have included the 18th century writer Samuel Johnson, essayist Sir Richard Steele, painter Kate Greenaway and novelist John Galsworthy, and the current residents see themselves as more civilized than the run-of-the-mill Londoner.

When McDonalds turned up last June, proposing to move into an empty store, Hampstead balked. Led by songwriter Farren Gainer and the leaders of four local residents and conservation societies, several thousand Hampstead residents paraded on the heath in a series of anti-McDonald rallies. Banners bore the military but effective slogan: "Burger off." A petition collected 6,000 signatures. 463 residents wrote to the council taking formal positions and Gainer staged charity concerts to fund the campaign and give audience to his anti-McDonalds song entitled "The Invasion has Begun."

"This area is of immense historic significance," said Gainer. "McDonalds and its trucks and litter would destroy this."

McDonald's managing director for Britain contended that the new branch would "revitalize" the area and the chain promised to clear up the street every 30 minutes. The council listened to the protesters, who did not want to be revitalized.

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Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, who took delivery of the draft from U.S. Ambassador Robert McCloskey Monday, said the government would study the plan before replying.

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Spy secrecy law criticized by U.S. profs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Civil libertarians, including 51 professors, have said that a bill to make it a crime in the United States to reveal the names of secret agents would go much farther, squelching reports of illegal or unethical intelligence activities.

"The first amendment does not permit using a shotgun because you may hit something that is punishable," said Laurence Tribe of Harvard University Law School. He also said he expected the Supreme Court would declare the measure unconstitutional if it is enacted.

"Anybody gambling on the Supreme Court upholding it is making a mistake," he told a news conference at the headquarters of the Center for National Security Studies which is lobbying against the measure.

Tribe and 50 other law school professors are urging the Senate judiciary committee to amend the bill before it reaches the Senate floor. A similar bill was approved on Sept. 3 by the House judiciary committee.

The measure would make it a crime punishable by three years in prison and \$15,000 in fines to publish information — even if it has not been officially classified as secret — if it discloses the name of a covert member of a U.S. intelligence agency or an FBI informer.

Tribe and John Shattuck of the American Civil Liberties Union said the measure would cover a broad range of news articles and research dealing with intelligence. For example, they said it would include a *Washington Post* article in 1977 that said the CIA made secret payments to King Hussein of Jordan and a book by Senator Daniel Moynihan, a Democrat from New York, that said the CIA paid money to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India.

"There is no doubt that revelations of this kind would be chilled," said Morton Halperin, head of the center. Shattuck said he hoped the Senate judiciary committee would limit the application of the measure to protect journalists.

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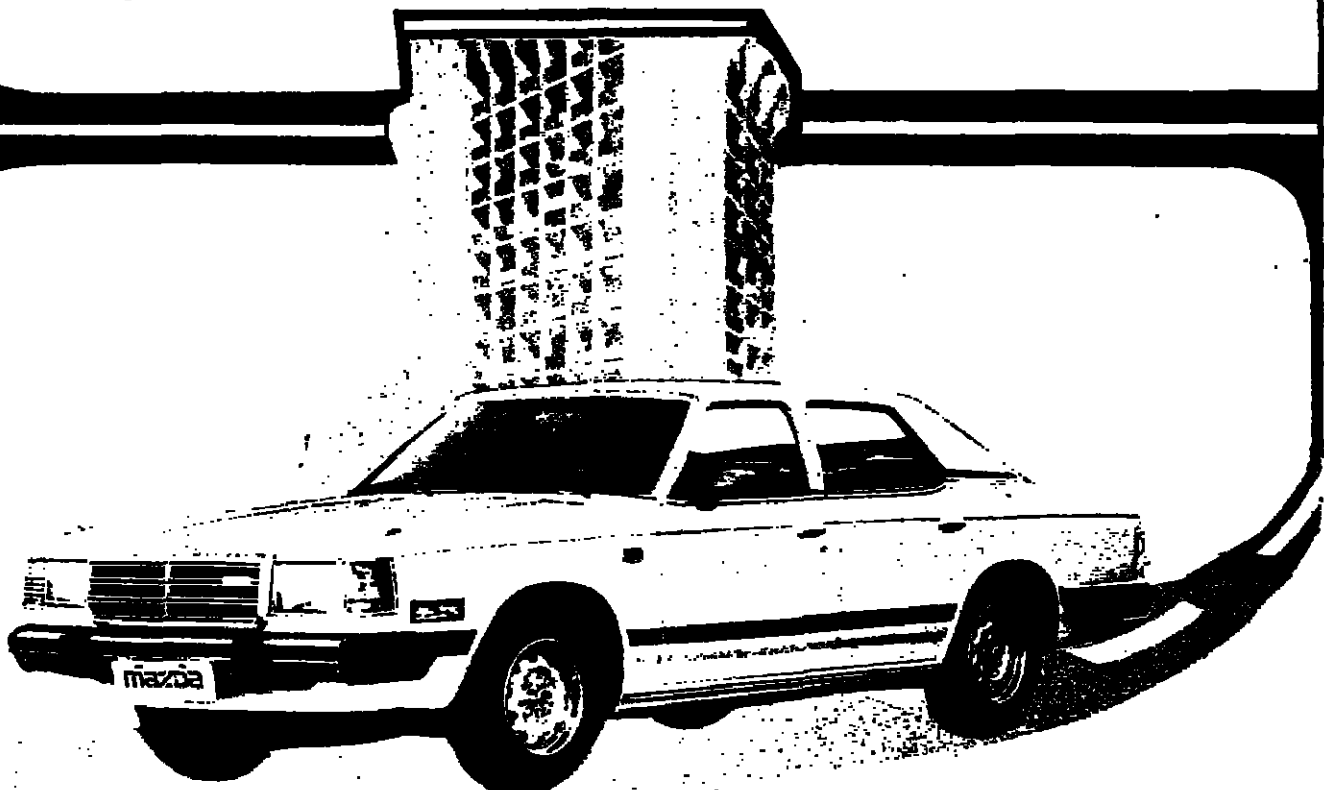
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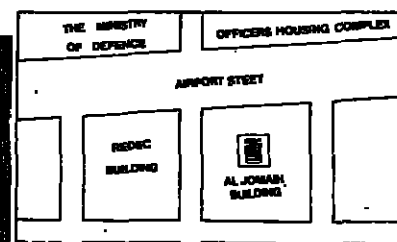
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Europe's clubs start struggle for UEFA title

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Nottingham Forest begins its campaign for successive European Cup triumph with a trip to Bulgaria to play CSKA Sofia Wednesday.

First round, first leg matches in all three European club soccer competitions will be played this week with the return games scheduled in two weeks' time.

Forest, managed by the controversial Brian Clough, will be bidding to keep the European Cup in England for the fifth successive season. Liverpool won the trophy in

1977 and 1978.

Forest won 3-2 against Manchester City Saturday but has striker Garry Birtles and winger John Robertson both seeking transfers. Swiss international Raimondo Ponte, a close-season signing, is likely to be among the forest substitutes.

Liverpool, which won the English championship for the fourth time in five years, also lines up in the European Cup — against Finnish champion Oulun Palloseura.

Liverpool left out injured regulars Jimmy Iase, David Johnson and Alan Kennedy Saturday, and still beat West Bromwich 4-0. Israeli international Avi Cohen and striker David Fairclough — who scored twice — will probably keep their places against the Finns.

Bayern Munich of West Germany, European champion from 1974-76, meets Olympiakos Piraeus of Greece. The Greek team is unbeaten this season and scored a 3-0 victory over Kastoria at the weekend, but Bayern is not expected to have too much trouble.

Linfield of Northern Ireland plays its home tie against French champion Nantes at Haarlem, Holland — a punishment for crowd disturbances.

Six-time European champion Real Madrid of Spain travels to the Republic of Ireland to play Limerick after a 7-1 league victory over Bilbao. Real's West German midfielder Uli Stielke and English winger Laurie Cunningham should not be over extended.

Another former champion Ajax Amsterdam, top club in Europe in the early 1970s, faces a trip to Albania to play Dinamo Tirana.

Plagued by injuries, the Dutch club scored a morale-boosting 5-2 win over PSV Eindhoven over the weekend. Coach Leo Beenhakker, missing international striker Tschou La Ling and four other regulars, said: "Every time we go onto the field we have to improve. I don't know Tirana, but we will not be taking them lightly."

Valencia of Spain, defending champion in the European Cup Winners' Cup, is at home to AS Monaco.

Student games set for Canada

ROME, Sept. 16 (R) — The 1983 world student games will be held in Canada, the International University Sports Federation (FISU) said Monday.

The decision, made by FISU Saturday, awarded the games to the city of Edmonton, Alberta. They will be run from June 27 to July 6.

Brazil and Yugoslavia, which also offered to host the event, agreed to reapply for the 1985 games, FISU President Primo Nebiolo said.



MISSED TACKLE: Action in the European Cup championship several months ago shows Hemmering, No. 8, of Hamburg trying to stop Nottingham Forest's O'Neill, left, while Birtles looks on. Forest won, 1-0.

Tactics rule Cup play

Thrills, chills — or slumber?

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Europe's top soccer teams have the chance to restore the game's reputation as a thrilling spectacle with the start of the continent's three club competitions on Wednesday.

Football's image has been badly tarnished in recent years and fans in Europe have grown weary of watching tactical battles, carefully plotted by coaches on dressing-room blackboards, being enacted on the field.

Last season's finals will not be remembered as a vintage crop.

England's Nottingham Forest won the Premier trophy, the Champions Cup, for the second successive year with a dreary one-goal victory over Hamburg of West Germany.

If anything, the Cup Winners Cup final between England's Arsenal and Valencia of Spain was even more soporific, the Spaniards edging home on penalties after a goalless 120 minutes.

Only the least glamorous competition, the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, produced attacking, skillful soccer with Eintracht Frankfurt winning an all-West German two-leg final on away goals after being tied 3-3 with Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Attendances throughout Europe are dwindling and many coaches are now awakening to idea that the missing fans will only return when the accent is put on goals once again.

The champions' cup finals of the years 1956-1960 set a standard which, sadly, is unlikely to be equalled. In those years Spanish Maestro Real Madrid ruled supreme and

the manner in which their successive victories were achieved thrilled fans throughout the world.

Those first five finals produced many goals, including those on that unforgettable night in Scotland in 1960 when 127,621 spectators in Glasgow's Hampden Park watched spell-bound as Alfredo Di Stefano inspired Real to a 7-3 win over Eintracht Frankfurt.

By contrast, the last time finals have seen only eight goals scored. Four ended in 1-0 victories.

Kuwait, UAE tie in soccer

KUWAIT, Sept. 16 (R) — Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) drew 1-1 Monday in the opening match of the seventh Asian football tournament here.

Kuwait lacked some of their expected luster. But the UAE team proved surprisingly strong under the guidance of former Iranian national coach Heubmat Mohararani, who took over the side three months ago.

The Kuwaitis dominated the first half, but they lacked coordination and their only goal, 10 minutes into the game, was a one-man display of skill by captain Saad Al-Hadi.

The UAE defense held up well, but their strikers failed to make much impression. They scored from the one chance they had, when Ahmed Shombi shot the ball in after it rebounded off the bar in the 38th minute.

The game flagged in the second half. Kuwait's Faisal Al-Dekheel had the ball in the UAE net, but was ruled offside. In the last 10 minutes Kuwait showed some sparkle, keeping constant pressure on the UAE goalmouth, but could not add to its score.

Loser Ford 'cheated' WBA fight infuriates Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Prime Minister Forbes Burnham's government is under pressure to lodge a strong protest against the decision last Saturday night against Patrick Ford in his bout in Texas, the United States, for the World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight boxing championship, held by Mexico's Salvador Sanchez.

The unpopular decision, viewed here as a "cheat and fraud" has forced this republic's trade union leaders to call for what has been

termed "a new international boxing order."

The state owned daily newspaper, *Guyana Chronicle* said that Patrick Ford, a Guyanese and commonwealth featherweight champion, "was kayoed two minutes after he had been proclaimed champion" last Saturday night. Ford was declared a winner before the final decision was announced. The newspaper noted that even Sanchez was surprised when he was declared winner. It also stated that the Guyanese was a victim of Mexican mathematics.

Favored Asian cage teams advance

HONG KONG, Sept. 16 (AP) — Preliminary games went as expected in the Asian women's basketball championships here Monday.

Joining defending champions South Korea in the final rounds starting Wednesday are China, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand.

Hong Kong beat India 81-52 to finish second in Group B behind China. China completed its preliminary schedule by crushing Sri Lanka 147-30.

In another important match to decide who qualifies, Malaysia beat Indonesia 96-56 and made the cut.

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NOMINAL PEACE

The second anniversary of the Camp David agreements passes like the first: no sign of progress or even change in the prospects for a settlement to the major crisis of the Middle East. The "peace process" lives on in name only; in the dead reiterations of the parties to it that it is, despite all signs to the contrary, alive — give or take a few "problems" or "setbacks."

Against the background of such paralysis, and even because of it and under its cover, the Israelis are relentlessly pushing through their expansionist, aggressive plans: their stranglehold on the West Bank, Gaza, and the Golan Heights tightens daily. The annexation of Jerusalem and the extinguishing of its Arab character proceed unhindered.

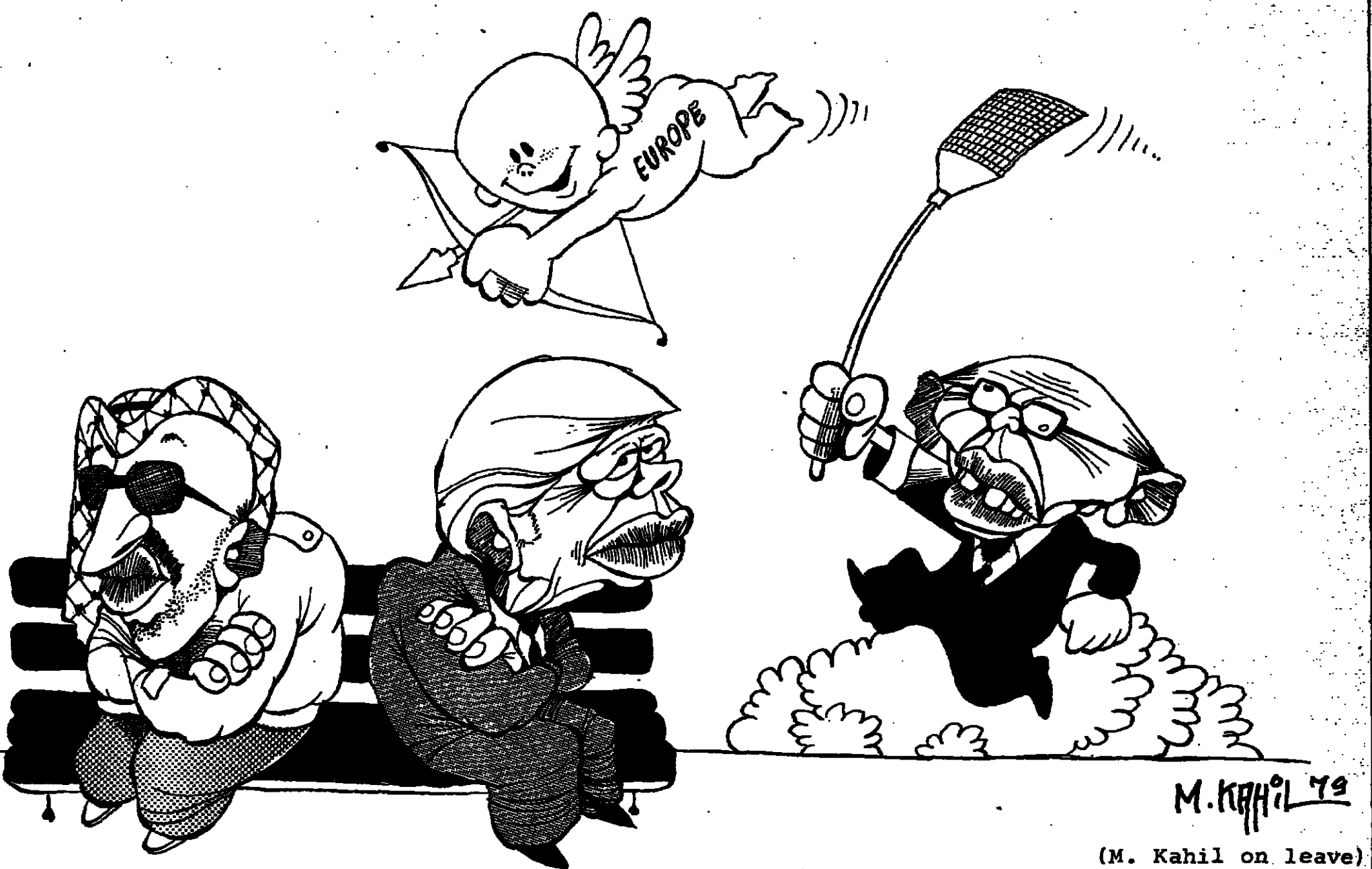
As for Egypt, it has looked on helplessly as Israel took all the concessions and did not merely offer nothing in return but pushed its advantages to the maximum. The Egyptian leadership tried from time to time to resist by discontinuing the interminable "Palestinian autonomy" talks. But each time it came back for more of the same, having been persuaded by the Americans that discretion in these matters is the best part of valor; and that there is no alternative but to persist in the "peace process" make-belief in the hope that it will thus become true.

As for the American administration itself, its role has changed in the process from that of an architect into that of a prisoner. The Camp David accords, such as they are, are the sole foreign policy achievement of President Carter, and he is understandably reluctant to recognize their bankruptcy at a time when he is fighting for his second presidential term. He has therefore to soldier on, pretending that all is well, or at any rate, as well as can be expected.

This American reluctance to admit that their effort had failed goes a long way in preventing new initiatives, such as those under consideration by the European Economic Community and Romania. An American agreement is essential to these, since the United States is the only power with direct leverage on the Israelis. The Arab countries, who have stood against Camp David from the start, have been attempting to pressure the Europeans toward a clear decision over a new initiative. But they have been hampered by their own divisions, as well as by the persistent head-in-the-sand attitude of the Americans.

The Arab side is united on two clear points. It utterly rejects the Camp David approach to a settlement in the Middle East, and will not condone any new initiative which presents itself as either a complement or a continuation of it. And it will not negotiate except on the basis of the restoration of full Arab rights: The right of the Arab and Islamic worlds to Jerusalem, as well as that of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

The Arab stand has become increasingly accepted by the international community — with the exception, of course, of the Camp David trio — to an extent that U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim remarked of the resumed "Palestinian autonomy" talks that he does not know if they offer any hope for a solution, and that he personally is for a more comprehensive international approach which breaks through the constraints of the present one. He also left his hearers in no doubt of his view that any solution which does not specifically include the Palestine Liberation Organization is doomed before it starts.



Comecon facing bleak economic prospects

By Murray Seeger

WARSAW — While the dramatic political struggle in Poland has focused the world's attention on that country's economic troubles over the past several weeks, the rest of Communist Eastern Europe has been facing similarly bleak economic prospects.

All seven members of the trading bloc Comecon have suffered sharply declining rates of growth, low labor productivity, stagnant living standards and high levels of public discontent.

In Poland, the sun of the unhappiness was a wave of strikes that forced the regime under the now ousted Communist Party leader, Edward Gierek, to permit the formation of independent trade unions and to try other reforms that will erode the party's power.

The bloc's six other countries — Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Romania and the Soviet Union — will be watching Warsaw carefully to see the full impact of the liberal changes both on the party's position and the performance of the economy.

"After what we (in Poland) are experiencing together, nothing will be the same any more, neither the working class nor the party, nor the whole society," Mieczyslaw Rakowski, editor of the weekly *Polityka* and the country's most influential journalist, said on national television recently. In 1979 Poland admitted its economy declined by more than 2 per cent, the first acknowledged recession for a European Comecon member.

The six smaller countries of the bloc grew by only 2.3 per cent, just half the planned rate for the year and about a third of the rate they expected for their five-year planning period that ends this year. Poland, as the biggest of this group, pulled down the entire bloc. But each country suffered its own declines in growth rates and set new lows in achievement.

The Soviet Union, as the biggest trading partner, suffered its weakest growth last year since the end of World War II. Its gross national product grew by just over 2 per cent.

Although each country is distinct, the same problems are common to all and proposed solutions until now have also been similar.

— The Communists have tried to give new incentives for individual workers who show better performance.

— They have attempted to give managers more authority to innovate and make better decisions.

— And they have tried to economize in the use of energy as its price soared in recent years.

Until the newest wave of labor unrest in Poland, Hungary was considered the most innovative of the seven countries. Managers were given the most individual authority and an element of market discipline was introduced. Still, Hungary saw a growth rate of 8 per cent in 1977 drop to less than 4 per cent in 1978 and to just over 1 per cent last year.

The attraction of the Hungarian model for other Communist reformers, therefore, has faded. The

young, new planners in Poland, for instance, say they are aiming at a new model freer than the Hungarian but short of the limited market competition allowed in Yugoslavia, which is associated with Comecon but pursues its own political and economic course.

Until the Polish unrest, none of the internal Comecon critics questioned the basic premises of their centrally-planned economies.

The controlling role of the ruling party itself, the mistakes of its leaders and the internal contradictions of the official ideology were forbidden topics.

"You could write that we use too much energy and that our transportation system is terribly inefficient and that labor discipline is poor, but you could never take the next step and ask what was wrong with the system that produces such bad results," a Polish journalist said recently.

The agreement to permit Polish workers to form free trade unions exempt from the traditional government and party domination that made labor organizations in Eastern Europe nothing but workers' watchdogs is the biggest single reform made so far in a Comecon country. But it is still to be proved if the change will be positive.

Poland's experience in the last decade has been to carry to the extreme the tactics used by all Comecon members to one extent or another. The Poles bor-

rowed heavily in the West in order to buy technology and materials it thought would bring economic efficiency. Blessed with huge coal reserves, Poland was to pay back some of the debts with that exportable commodity plus the new products made with its new imported technology.

In the first half of the 1970s, the country grew at 8 per cent a year. Living standards rose under the stimulation of the imported assistance. Growth was still 6.8 per cent in 1976 and 5 per cent in 1977, then fell to 3 per cent in 1978 and turned negative last year.

Meanwhile, the load of debt soared to more than \$20 billion and the costs of interest and principal started consuming nearly all the income from exports.

One answer was to restrict imports, but this simply reduced efficiency further. Higher quality coal had to be exported, leaving the poorer quality for domestic use.

There are other, growing problems facing Poland and other members of the bloc. The Soviet Union, which supplies most of the oil used in the bloc — except in Romania, which until this year was self-sufficient — raised its prices substantially.

Although the Comecon members on paper pay for oil only about half what the Western industrial

countries pay, the rise in costs has been sharp. Moscow uses the upward, five-year-average of world oil prices to set the Comecon price, so its partners know a new big leap looms ahead.

The big official Soviet banks and the Comecon bank do help the smaller countries with some of their financial problems, although the assistance is rarely publicized. The Soviet banks also make short-term loans to help national banks when they need hard currency to meet their loan repayments.

Among the bloc countries, the two least developed, Bulgaria and Romania, last year each claimed growth rates of over 6 per cent, highest in Eastern Europe, while East Germany came next with 4 per cent. Czechoslovakia claimed 2.7 per cent.

Real incomes fell in nearly all of them, although it is difficult to estimate for East Germany and the Soviet Union, since they acknowledge no inflation.

So far, Western bankers are still willing to lend money to all the Comecon members although Poland is approaching a limit. To get its most recent loans, Poland had to reveal more hard information about its economic situation than any Comecon member has before.

The Warsaw government also agreed to meet regularly with a creditors' committee to discuss its progress, another historic concession. — (LAT)

The puzzling thoughts of Reagan

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON —

At last they're off and running. Carter at a practiced jogger's trot, Reagan at a less sure-footed stumble.

The opening of the autumn campaign has been distinguished by some remarkable Reagan penses. Why, for instance, did the Republican nominee choose publicly to "doubt" Darwin's theory of evolution? What has this to do with the quest for the next leader of the free world?

The people who would most like to know are Reagan's own campaign staff whose valuable time is more than occupied providing footnotes to their master's every utterance. The scene is now familiar after each Reagan speech: a huddle of journalists around a senior adviser, debating the difference between a recession and a depression, a fact and a statistic, a newspaper cutting and the truth.

The Ku Klux Klan was not born in Tusculum, Alabama, where Carter chose to launch his re-election campaign recently. So why did Reagan, in an unnecessary aside, say it was? His three-page explanatory statement next day said, in sum, "they started it," and "I was misrepresented." His running-mate, George Bush, called it an apology. Further huddle of journalists round adviser: what is the difference between an explanation and an apology?

My own favorite pronouncement is a hoary Reagan chestnut dug up by Senator Kennedy in his

rousing speech to last month's Democratic Convention: "Eighty per cent of pollution is caused by plants and trees."

These entertaining diversions are not about to go away. For each day that Reagan fails to provide a newly minted aphorism the Democratic Party are ready with some of his older ones to throw open to discussion.

In their campaign headquarters, a whole shelf creaks beneath card-indexed, loose-leaf folders of the collected thoughts of Reagan. He has been making political speeches for 16 years now, and producing syndicated columns and daily radio commentaries for the best part of a decade. That's an awful lot of hostages to fortune.

What the Democrats are forgetting, however, is that Reagan fired off whole volumes of such disputatious propositions throughout the primary campaign, and he still beat all his opponents far more convincingly than did Jimmy Carter.

But if Carter thinks that Reagan is about to commit progressive verbal suicide, he should recall the recent electoral successes of a candidate prone to talking about "ethnically pure neighborhoods," who went on to admit that he had "husted after certain women in my heart."

There does come a point in a campaign, it is true, when a prolonged chain of ill-chosen remarks prompts a damaging public consensus. But there are plenty of people out there, notably those Nixon used to call the silent majority, who believe that

Reagan's off-the-cuff, eyebrow-raising remarks are those of a man unafraid to speak the truth. The more he is maligned, let alone ridiculed, the more they rally to his side.

There are also those who believe that a tedious, day-by-day war of verbal attrition is not going to settle the question before the American people. The Carter camp's ploy of making the opponent the issue, avoiding at all costs discussion of the president's record, is soon going to become damagingly transparent.

Reagan is still ahead in the polls, despite a recent closing of the gap more rapid than even Carter's own strategists expected.

On foreign policy, the dominant issue of the primary campaign, Reagan leads Carter by only 37 per cent to 34 per cent. But on the economy, inevitably the issue of the hour, Carter trails by 28 per cent to 42 per cent. Asked which candidate would most effectively control federal spending, 47 per cent chose Reagan, 27 per cent Carter.

On that elusive, perennial, deeply American question — which candidate would inspire more public confidence in the White House? — Reagan still dominates by 42 per cent to 27 per cent.

With seven long weeks to go, these margins will narrow as surely as did those between Carter and Ford four years ago. The smart Washington money is now, with a sigh, on the ritual re-election of the incumbent. — (OFNS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers Tuesday ran their lead story the air crash near Medina Sunday night in which 89 Saudi Arabian soldiers lost their lives. They reported a royal order promoting every martyr to the next rank and giving full retirement benefit to the inheritors of the deceased. They further reported that King Khaled has ordered payment of SR 100,000 to the family of each martyr.

The newspapers frontpaged a report on the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers which was held Monday. The Council expressed its deep sorrow over the C-130 crash and offered condolences to King Khaled. Some newspapers reported on their front pages, the first naval confrontation between Iraq and Iran Monday. They also frontpaged the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna to discuss the oil prices and the North-South relations. The extraordinary session of the Islamic foreign ministers' conference, due to begin in Fez, Morocco, Thursday was also given front-page prominence in the newspapers. Habib Charr, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) was reported as saying the conference would consider the crown prince's call for the holy war.

Newspaper editorials covered a variety of subjects, including the air disaster, the OPEC conference in Vienna and the Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Fez. In an editorial on the air crash, *Al-Jazirah* described the military service as a kind of

jihad which means self-sacrifice for something which is more valuable and precious. It was a divine-ordained matter that the 89 servicemen should have lost their lives in this way serving their faith, their sovereign and the motherland. The paper said it was a tragic incident which shook the whole country, but the tragedy was made light by the belief in the will of God and in the fact that they were blessed with martyrdom as they died in harness.

Al Medina expressed its deep sorrow over the disaster and said that what lightens the grief is the fact that the 89 soldiers died in active service to their religion, their King and their nation. The paper reminded that a Muslim is always expected to accept any ordeal in this mortal world with grace and patience.

On the same subject, *Al-Yawm* noted that the painful incident is a new station of patience over the tragedy with which God tests the Islamic nation. The nation must, therefore, be capable of facing the grievous events with courage and fortitude. The paper added that the martyrs' names will be recorded on the pages of history as they were an integral part of the Saudi Arabian army which has already dedicated itself to the sublime causes of Islam. Despite the fact that it is a tragic event, it cannot deter us from reinforcing our determination to liberate the Islamic sacred places from the Zionist sacrilege, said the paper. It also gave prominence to the royal gesture of condolence to the bereaved

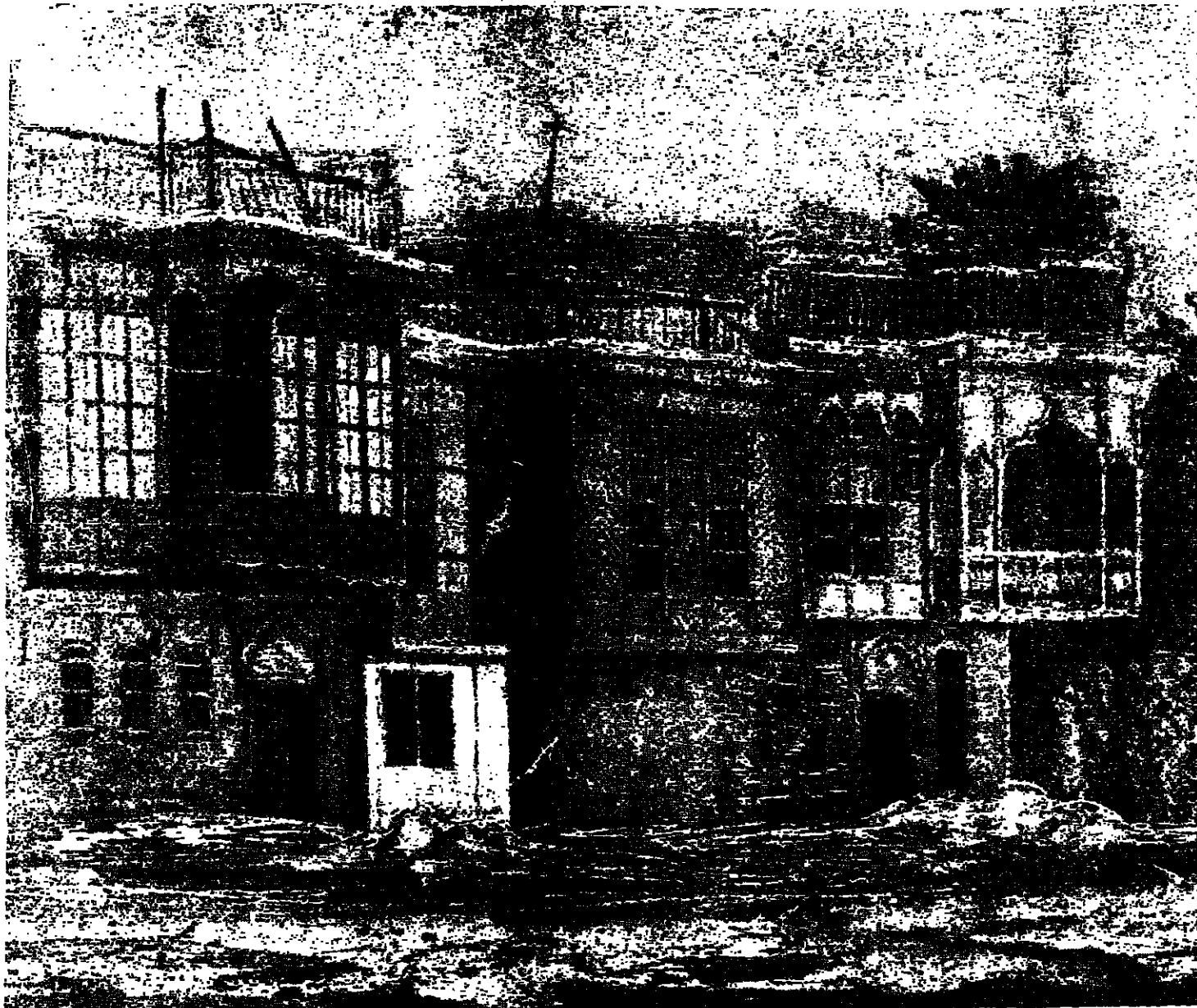
families and described it as a fatherly touch.

Concerning itself with the Crown Prince's call for the holy struggle, *Okaz* expressed confidence that the call is the real guarantee for a joint Arab and Islamic action to achieve the desired objectives of restoring Jerusalem and the legitimate rights of the Arabs and Muslims. That this call will be the topic of discussion at the extraordinary meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Fez provides proof that the Islamic world has realized the significance of the call and the Kingdom's stress on Islamic unity and solidarity, said the paper.

Dealing with the OPEC conference, *Al-Bilad* said that the Kingdom's stance will reflect the dimensions of its economic role at the world level and its keenness to see a just economic and political dealing in the world. From this standpoint, Saudi Arabia has attached importance to the OPEC meeting, as the organization has become a target of attack by malicious elements which are trying to split it, the paper said. It added that at every meeting of the organization Saudi Arabia has persistently called for moderate oil prices and a complete detachment from inflation, so that oil remains as an effective element in the service of the humanity as a whole.



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Old houses, similar to the above, are found everywhere in the Arab world.

Old Islamic architecture still charming

By Youssef Elmaleh

Most Muslim cities are as old as civilization itself, but Arabs and Muslims rebuilt the old centers and developed new ones according to the elements of Islamic architecture. A typical Muslim town was surrounded by a fortified wall with several entrances marked by

magnificent arched gateways.

Inside, the narrow twisting streets were lined with high compacted buildings.

There were mosques, palaces, hospitals, libraries and public baths. The plan of the streets and architecture of the buildings were

fashioned to keep the city continuously shaded. The coolness of night stored near the ground and lingered through most of the day. If the city had had broad, straight boulevards, the wind would have blown the coolness away and left the town at the mercy of the blazing sun.

Often there were arches over the narrow streets and where the walls weren't high enough to ward off the sun, the whole market area would be covered. Besides the market area, there were public squares and gardens.

When a city was built near a river or stream, the water would be diverted by man-made paths and directed into various finely decorated fountains which were placed at busy locations to serve the water needs of the public.

Hidden in the maze of side streets were the Muslim residences which, though unassuming in their outward appearance, were filled with charm and simplicity.

The essential elements of the traditional Muslim style house were the courtyard, the 'liwan,' loggia or covered terrace overlooking the courtyard, vaults and domes colored glass in the windows and doors, the 'mushrabiyya' lattice woodwork balconies and the wind catch.

The courtyard was perhaps the most basic element of Arab style architecture. It represented a microcosmic image of the Islamic universe.

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Apart from its symbolic interpretation — the courtyard was well suited to the desert climate and environment.

Acting as a thermal regulator by it collected cold night air to cool adjoining rooms during the heat of the day. As a ventilator it functioned as the lungs of a house.

The courtyard provided privacy from the outside world and often supported a walled garden that was enjoyed from many adjoining areas. The Islamic idea of the enclosed garden represented an earthly paradise. It can be seen that Islamic thought not only governed the building of the mosques but also the Muslim living quarters.

Islamic perception so penetrated society that even the commercial and industrial center of the Muslim city, the bazaar was built and based on Islamic spirit. The bazaar or 'souk,' market was crowded and full of life and activity, emitting the pungent odour of spices. In the bazaar once could purchase all kinds of products. The residential areas also had their own bazaars which were held once or twice a week, sometimes in the open air.

The oriental bazaar was a series of small bazaars, specializing in specific goods. One could bargain for the best quality and price as shops of a particular article were in the same street or on the same corner of the city.

The metal works bazaar, for instance, played an important role in the life of the city for most plates and dishes in use were made of copper or tin. Dishes, trays and other articles of silver or brass were also manufactured in the bazaar and etched by craftsmen.

Most of these artisans did their design on the spur of the moment, few of them followed designs prepared in advance. It is an art that has been passed on from father to son. Goldsmithery and other metal craftsmanship bazaars had an impressive variety of swords, daggers water-pipes, bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry.

There were also shops for tattooing which was originally done in the form of a dot. It later came to include emblems of a tribe, a family, the name of a person, and as a souvenir and reminder of a sweetheart.

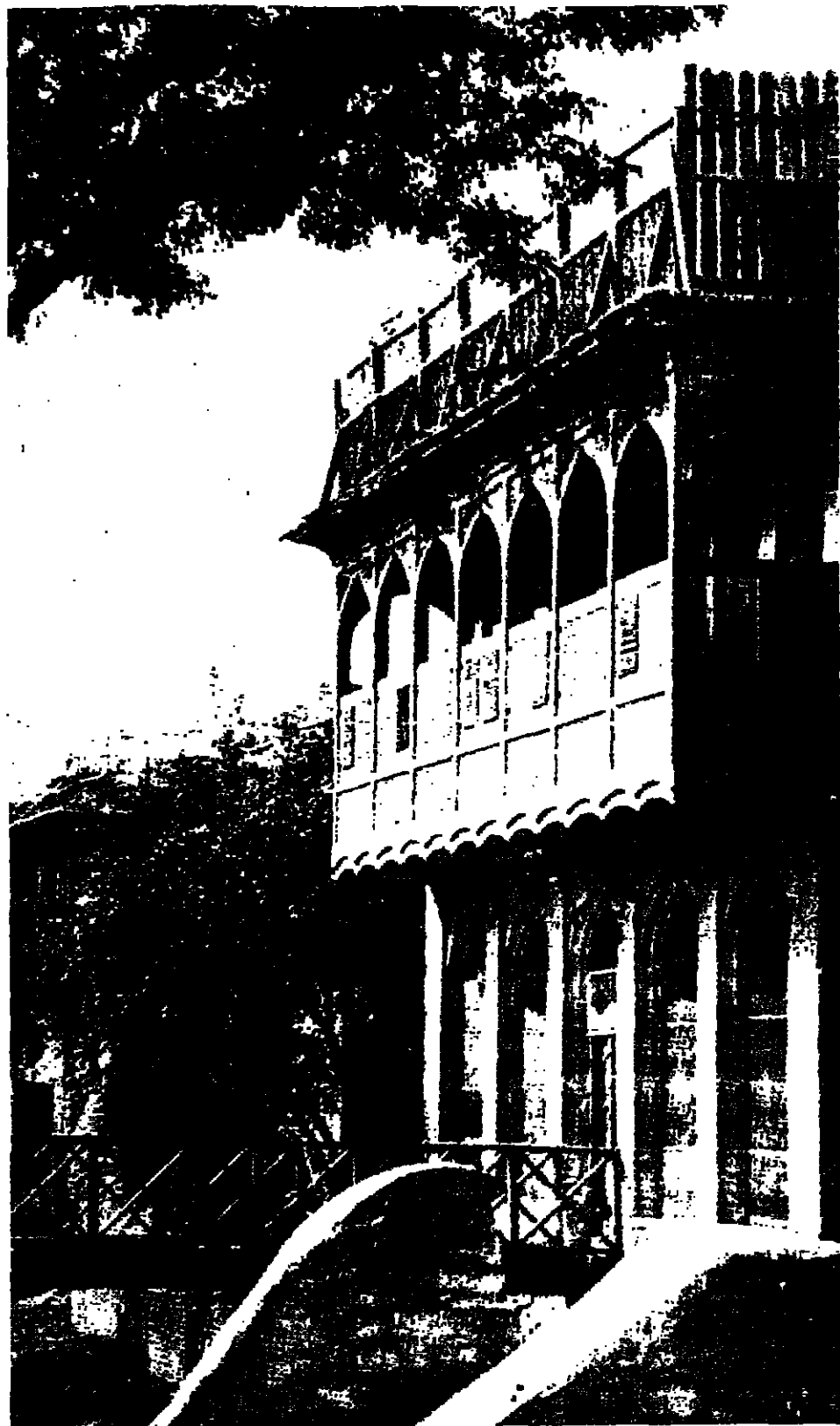
The bazaar for oriental carpets was perhaps the most colorful. These richly-hued woolen rugs carried lavish designs which included the sickle leaf, arabesque, images of the Kabbah and the Prophet's mosque and glittering silk and gold threading.

Carpets are classified as one of the arts of Islam, and became increasingly familiar in Western Europe from the time of the second crusade in 1149.

Bazaars as a commercial center would bustle with crowds and activity during the 'Eid,' feast especially after the month long fasting of Ramadhan when every head of a family would go to the market and buy new articles to celebrate the occasion. There one could find every oriental article, from rich brocades to candlesticks.

The main elements which governed the buildings in Muslim cities including bazaars were economics, religion and climatic environment. Other ingredients which influenced their structure were available building materials, local needs and Islamic tradition.

But all that has gone. New elements of architecture are increasingly influencing the appearance of Muslim cities. Now, they are a mixture of old and new styles. The Islamic architectural style could be seen in old sections of Muslim cities and the modern styles could be seen in the new sections.



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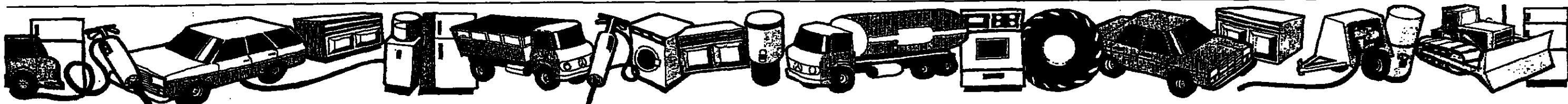
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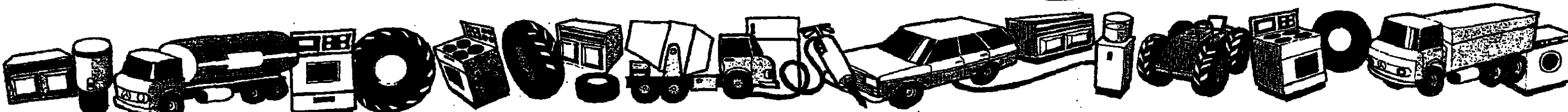
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North-South Dialogue

U.N. session fails on procedural issue

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Third World nations Monday night voiced deep disappointment with the failure of the U.N. General Assembly's special session to give the go-ahead for a renewed North-South dialogue next year.

The session passed on the question of the procedure and agenda for next year's planned global economic negotiations to the 35th regular session of the General Assembly, starting Tuesday.

It "took note with satisfaction" of agreement on the text of a new international development strategy for the 1980's setting out the objectives of Third World economic and social development and the contributions to be expected from industrial nations.

But it left formal adoption of the text to the 35th session. The 120 developing countries of the "Group of 77" have linked the strategy with the effective launching of global negotiations.

Speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, Brajesh Mishra of India blamed the failure on "a few, very few" countries, which, he said,

did not want to deal with world-wide economic issues in an "integrated and coherent" manner, but "sector-wise." He was obviously referring to the United States, Britain, West Germany, which have refused to go along with the United Nations' other member countries in accepting a compromise on procedure for the new round of North-South negotiations.

These countries, Mishra added, were "more interested in maintaining their entrenched position than in an orderly change in the common interest of all."

The global negotiations are to deal with major issues in the fields of raw materials, energy, trade, development, money and finance.

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told the session that the failure to settle the procedural issues involved "potential dangers." But he added that this must "not discourage us and obscure the fact that peace and prosperity depend more and more on effective cooperation among all countries" on "critical" economic issues.

Food prices rise sharply in August

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Basic world prices for food rose sharply last month and the International Monetary Fund explained the increase Monday in terms of the drought in the United States.

It said the price for raw materials other than gold and oil rose by 2 per cent in terms of U.S. dollars in August, bringing prices back to the high levels of May after a slump. In May the IMF index of all commodity prices reached a level of 66.9 per cent since 1975. This was lower than the February level, but well above the 1979 average.

Food rose 6.8 per cent and other raw materials 1.9 per cent for the month. Prices of beverages — coffee, cocoa and tea, taken as a group — went down 2.7 per cent and metals by 1 per cent.

Market perks up at close

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 — After offering a generally weak showing throughout the session Monday, the averages perked up toward the close. Breadth was neutral with volume moderately active. Gold fell 19.

Contributing to the market's earlier weakness was concern over what the Federal Reserve might do after Friday's jump in the basic money supply. In addition, there was uncertainty over what would come from the OPEC meeting in Vienna. Although it appeared that after the initial OPEC meeting there would not be an across-the-board price increase, indexing, if accepted, could serve to hike prices. Those concerns were somewhat offset by prospect of some movement on the hostages and a growing feeling that the worst of the recession may be over.

Among the groups, airlines, energy and technology were strong. Precious metals were heavily sold.

Volume amounted to 44.63 million shares vs Friday's 47.18 million shares. Declines were 754 with 753 advances and 401 unchanged. The Dow industrial was up 1.11 to 937.63.

Energy stocks were in demand. Freeport Minerals 1 1/4 to 63 1/2. Gulf Oil added 1 1/4 to 81 1/2. Royal Dutch advanced 1/2 to 90 1/2. Standard of Oil advanced 1 1/2 to 72 1/2. Standard of Oil declined 1/2 to 49 1/2. Gulf was up 1/2 to 40. Exxon 1/2 to 70 1/2. United Energy advanced 1 1/2 to 42 1/2. Halliburton added 1 1/2 to 131. Hughes Tool advanced 1 1/2 to 73 1/2. Transocean fell 1 1/2 to 45 1/2. Aerospace stocks were firm. General Dynamics was down 1/2 to 7 1/2. Northrop advanced 1/2 to 44 1/2. Raytheon was up 1/2 to 92 1/2. Previous metal stocks were hard hit. A&A declined 3 1/2 to 73 1/2. Dome Mines was down 1/2 to 123. Homestake declined 1/2 to 92 1/2. Hodge Mining fell 2 1/2 to 42 1/2. Day Mines was down 1/2 to 42 1/2. Campbell Red Lake fell 5 1/2 to 72 1/2. In other metals Alcan fell 1/2 to 35 1/2. Reynolds rose 1/2 to 36 1/2. Newmont was down 1 1/2 to 55 1/2. Phelps Dodge declined 1 1/2 to 38 1/2. St. Joe Minerals fell 1 1/2 to 63 1/2. In the growth stock area, drug stocks up. John rose 1 1/2 to 64 1/2. Genie declined 1/2 to 59. A.M. Corp. rose 1/2 to 40 1/2. Supplied by Merrill Lynch International Co. Inc.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	117.00	9.00	8.81
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	118.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.87	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	187.00	186.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	172.00	173.00	171.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.35	4.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.50	90.25
French Franc (100)	80.00	80.75	80.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	9.50	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	39.00	39.00	39.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.75
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.43	11.41
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.45	12.46
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	97.00	96.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	88.50	85.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	8.01	8.00	7.95
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.00	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	49.00	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	204.00	204.00	203.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.33	3.325
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.15	72.95
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BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. government hopes shortly to resume strategic oil stockpiling at the rate of 100,000 barrels a day as recommended by Congress, an energy department official said. Setting up of reserves totaling 1,000 million barrels was decided in 1975. But the figure is still only 90 million barrels, since pumping was halted late 1978 due to international supply problems.

LONDON, (AP) — Producers and consumers in the International Coffee Organization were scheduled to meet Tuesday separately to define their approaches to negotiations aimed at stabilizing slumping world coffee prices at levels profitable for the producers and fair to the consumers.

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands in her first speech from the throne warned her people Tuesday that they would have to help the ailing Dutch economy.

KAMPALA, (R) — Ugandan and Kenyan officials will meet in Nairobi on Friday to discuss a Kenyan embargo which is threatening Uganda's important coffee exports, government sources have said. Land-locked Uganda exports 10,000 tons of coffee a month through Kenya, but Kenya stopped the movement across their border 10 days ago after an editorial critical of President Daniel Arap Moi appeared in the government-owned daily Uganda Times.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Indian port authorities are holding up 30,000 tons of rice

worth \$18 million intended for the Soviet Union, because the deal was fixed up by Andhra Pradesh state without permission from the federal government. Reporting the incident, the Indian Express newspaper said such clearance is required by law and when a first consignment of 10,000 tons reached the port of Visakhapatnam it was stopped.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand are preferred for exports and investment by North British firms as compared with the U.S., Japan and 11 other industrialized countries. This was affirmed by D.A. Brown, export promotion manager of the North of England Development Council, citing the results of a questionnaire. Brown and 10 colleagues are spending a week in Malaysia and another in Singapore.

SEOUL, (AFP) — South Korean authorities Tuesday cut bank interest from an average 24 per cent to 22 per cent. Export financing was improved. Construction companies received a special loan and house sale tax was cut by about one-fifth. The government said the measures were designed to invigorate the economy and give a boost to exports.

PARIS, (AFP) — Peugeot and Fiat announced they are jointly designing a low consumption engine for future small cars produced by the two groups. Later they will decide on large-scale production arrangements for the engine and its component parts. The engine will be Peugeot 104.

Britain set for national dock strike

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — A national dock strike due to start next Monday, Tuesday threatened to blow off course the British government's plans for economic recovery and deepen the country's recession.

Leaders of Britain's biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers' (TGWU), Monday backed a call for a walk-out by 23,000 dockers at 80 ports, including London, Southampton, Hull, Glasgow and Liverpool.

Union officials said they would seek support from other workers, such as railmen, and the International Transport Workers Federation to urge their members not to handle ships diverted from Britain to other European ports or to bring lorry loads into Britain.

The last national strike eight years ago, lasted three weeks and led to the proclamation of a state of emergency. Ministers and businessmen fear that another stoppage could cost 600 million sterling \$1.4 billion a week in lost exports.

The dispute is over 178 layoffs at the end of the month in Liverpool, where employers complain the port is overmanned, and the fight by the TGWU to preserve an agreement reached after the 1972 strike which virtually guarantees dockers a job for life.

At a meeting Wednesday the National Association of Port Employers is expected to recommend raising the severance payments for dockers leaving the industry from 8,500 sterling (\$20,400) to 10,000 sterling (\$24,000). But TGWU Deputy General Secretary Alex Kison has said this would not be sufficient to call off the strike.

News of what could be the most damaging labor dispute since Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative administration came to power in May last year came as official figures for August showed that industrial output was down for the eighth successive month, with monthly average production in the three months to July more than 5.5 per cent lower than the average for the whole of 1979.

Iraq to satisfy Italy's oil needs

ROME, Sept. 16 (R) — Iraq will do all it can to meet Italy's oil requirements, Iraqi Vice-President Izzat Ibrahim has said. Ibrahim, in Rome on an official visit, told a press conference Monday that Iraq provided 20 per cent of Italy's oil.

"Our possibilities for production are limited, but we look with a special eye on states with which we have good relations and we will do everything we can to satisfy their needs," he said.

He added that Italy and Iraq had close trade links and that the two countries were due to announce new agreements Tuesday.

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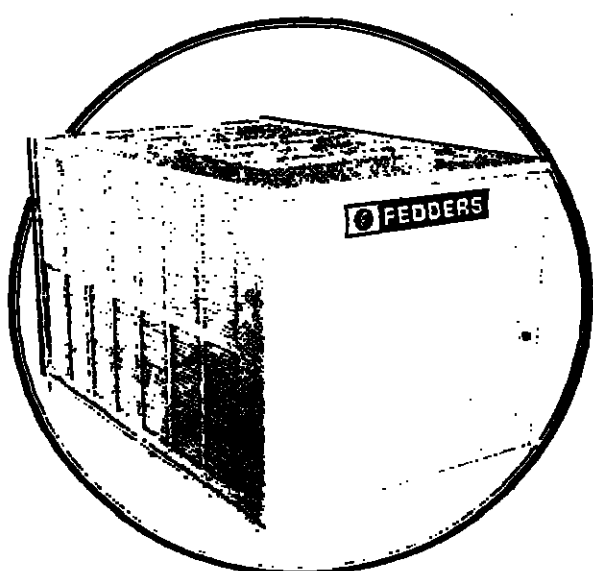
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September 15		(The European Community (EC) Commission reported the following exchange rates for the ECU based on Monday prices for a basket of European currencies set at the official Brussels fixing	
USA	2.9325-2.9345	September 15	
Canada	1.7825-1.7845	FB/Lux Can	40.5550
Switzerland	3.9095-3.9155	Deutsche Mark	2.5202
France	4.8230-4.8290	Dutch Guilder	2.7100
Germany	3.0085-3.0185	Pound Sterling	0.552070
Netherlands	4.5230-4.5370	Danish Krone	7.18190
Belgium	65.95-66.35	French Franc	5.47875
Sweden	9.5290-9.5340	Italian Lira	1,627.405
Denmark	1.7225-1.7255	US Dollar	0.09121
Italy	11.5225-11.5425	Swiss Franc	2.1773
Japan	2,027.00-2,029.50	Spanish Peseta	104.04
Portugal	110.50-112.50	Scandinavian	5.6938
Australia	30.17-30.25		
South Africa	807.75-808.75		
Ireland	1.1255-1.1310		

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COMMODITIES أسعار السلع والمعادن

Cash	686-689	697-698
Three months	704-705	705-706
Sales	1,225 tons	2,825 tons
	Market leader	
COFFEE	قهوة	
Winibars	£ per tonne	

RAW SUGAR	سكر خام
Sugar Prof.	
Comm. Convn.	£ per long ton
Daily price	310.00 307.00
October	330.00-325.50 326.00-327.25
Futures volume	186 lots of 50 tonnes each
	Tons: Cullet

LEAD رصاص	
Com. Daily Prices (1968) .. 166.81 163.88 Bremen-Hamburg Price .. 140.88 141.03	
£ per tonne	
Cash .. 371-372	374-374.5
Three months .. 368.0-368.5	390-390.5
Sales .. 7,250 tons	3,950 tons
Marking steadily at lower levels	



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RUBBER مطاط	
Pence per Kilo	
No. 1 RSS	64.50-66.00
Spot ..	64.00-65.50

No. 4 RSS 64.00-65.00	
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Cash	853-865	822-826
Three months	930-931	883-885
Sales	54 warrants	48 warrants

Market steady at lower levels

ROBUSTA COFFEE

	£ per tonne	£ per tonne
September	1130-1125	1050-1048
November	1178-1174	1104-1103
	1091-1088	1104-1102

ZINC		زئبق	
and/or Northern Light Spring			
Prices in US dollars			
September	213.00	217.00	
October	219.00	221.00	
November	225.00	223.00	
December	230.00	230.00	
SOYBEAN MEAL الذرة			
Spot	251.00	265.00	

U.K.	176.2	174.7	UP 2.4
Japan	229.9	259.3	UP 0.2
Canada (2)	215.3	214.7	UP 2.0
Germany	127.1	87.1	UP 1.0
France	120.6	120.6	UP 1.7
Australia	128.7	130.5	UP 1.5
Spain	69.8	95.8	UP 1.1
Italy	50.8	50.8	UP 1.0
Netherlands	90.0	89.9	UP 0.9
Italy	84.2	84.1	UP 4.5

company.

Major shipping origins Wednesday included:

- U.S. Memphis (1 1/16 inch steel midling).
- U.S. Chicago (1.50 offset steel).
- U.S. California (1 1/8 inch steel).
- Aug-Sept. 104.50 offset (92.25).
- Soviet (1 1/16 inch steel midling).
- Aug-Sept. 93.75 offset (88.00).
- Spain (85 F6, 134 offset) (UNCN).
- Sudan Barber (1 1/8 inch).

Belgium	87.1	98.1	DN 2.1	Aug-Sept. No. 35, 112.75 offered (UNICR).
Sweden	86.3	87.5	DN 0.1	Aug-Sept. No. 35, 125.75 offered (UNICR).
Norway	223.1	222.0	UP 3.2	Aug-Sept. No. 35, 125.75 offered (UNICR).
Denmark	124.2	126.1	UP 2.4	Aug-Sept. No. 35, 125.75 offered (UNICR).
Austria	125.7	125.4	DN 0.6	Paraguay (1 3/32 inch) offered (UNICR).
				Aug-Sept. 92.50 (87.50).
				Mexico (1 1/16 inch steel midding).
				Aug-Sept. 97.00 offered (92.00).
				Colombian Ground Crop (32 inch).
				Aug-Sept. 67.00 offered (65.00).

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arab news CALENDAR

DHAHRAN TV

SAUDI RADIO

4:30 Children's Show
5:31 Children's Feature
6:42 Health Education
7:30 Family Hour Festival
8:12 Sports Special
8:47 Second Run Theater

Sesame Street No. 1284
Mickey Mouse Club
Very Good Friends
The Chetwicks Family

WEDNESDAY

2:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gema of Guidance
2:10 Key to their Success
2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chair and a Song

Evening Transmission
9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Gema of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 Jeddah Highlights
9:45 Companions of the Prophet
10:00 A Viewpoint
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 A.S. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
11:15 Sound Latin
11:45 On Islam
12:00 Concert Choice
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dream

VOA

3:30 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
Opinion: Analysis
5:30 News Summary
News Summary
Special English: News, Features, The Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports: Actualities
10:05 Opening: Analysis

News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine
America: Letter
Critical: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
Midnight
12:00 News newsmasters
reports background
business news
comments news analysis.

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Morning Transmission

8:30 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
9:30 World Today
9:00 Newsweek
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 World Today
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Fimo Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myer

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical
Carnet
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newswatch
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newswatch
6:15 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers

DENNIS the MENACE

Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker
Disrupting Communications

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 2
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ K J 9 3
♣ A 4

EAST
♠ 10 8 5 4 3
♥ 7
♦ 8 7 5
♣ J 10 9 2

SOUTH
♠ K J
♥ A J 10 8 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads the king of clubs. Assume you win with the ace, East signaling with the jack, and that you draw three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy.

Now, in an effort to stop East from taking the lead, you lead the nine of diamonds and finesse. Unfortunately, West wins with the queen, leads a low club to partner's nine, and

East returns a spade. It doesn't matter whether you play the jack or the king; either way you go down one. If you played the hand this way, you could say the gods had failed to smile on you, but, even so, you would have to take a share of the blame. The chief fault would lie in your play at trick one, when you should play the four of clubs from dummy, not the ace.

By ducking the opening lead you would make it impossible for East ever to take the lead for a spade return through the K-J. East is clearly the dangerous opponent and he can be blocked out from ever grabbing the lead in clubs by the simple expedient of ducking the king of clubs.

Assume West continues with a club, which is the best he can do. You win with the ace, draw trumps, lead the nine of diamonds from dummy and finesse. Win or lose, you are sure of the contract.

In the actual case, the nine would lose to the queen, but West would find himself bucking a stone wall. Whatever he returned, you would be able to discard a spade on dummy's fourth diamond, and the final tally would show your only losers to be a spade, a diamond and a club.



WEDNESDAY

Morning
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Wavelengths: 16.96, 16.81, 13.82 (meters)

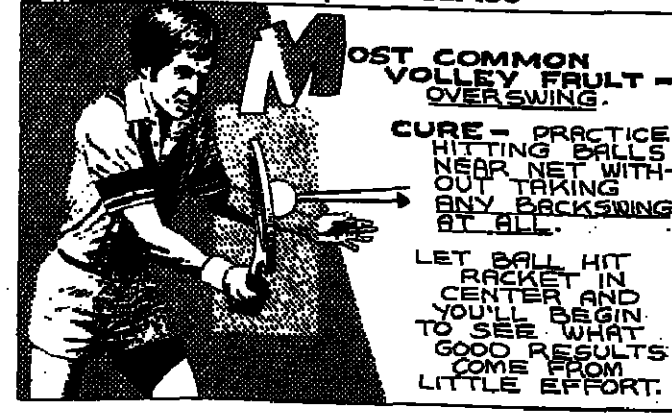
7:45 Religious Program
8:00 NEWS
8:10 Qwells (Devotional Music)
9:00 Music
9:23 Folk Music

Evening

Frequencies: 7710, 2145, 2175 (kHz)
Wavelengths: 16.74, 13.96, 13.79 (meters)

8:30 Religious Program
8:46 Request Music
9:15 Women's world
9:45 Contests Rates
6:00 NEWS
6:15 Press Review
6:30 On This Day
6:35 This Week in Pakistan
6:40 Music

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Ethical questions arise on the job. Others may not be sympathetic to your viewpoint. Stress originality in dealing with problems.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Financial questions, especially those involving children's expenses may trouble you now. Seek the cooperation of close allies.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Be straightforward with friends. Evasiveness only complicates problems. Concern about a domestic issue puts a damper on things.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Don't worry. Be calm in the face of problems. Just plain rest may be the answer. Don't overtax body, mind or spirit.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You'll have regrets later if you overspend on pleasure. Seek less costly entertainments. Not a time to force issues in romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A time to face facts in a domestic situation. If you have overspent on home im-

provements, now's the time to cut back.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A time when rumor and gossip could get out of hand. Be careful of what you say, or your words could boomerang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Pay attention to financial affairs. Friends and money don't mix favorably now. There may be a delay in money owed you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You may feel unappreciated by higher-ups, but don't try to get their attention now. Take a back seat. Wait for more favorable trends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A sudden realization needn't send you into a fit of depression. A talk with a friend will give you a different slant on things.

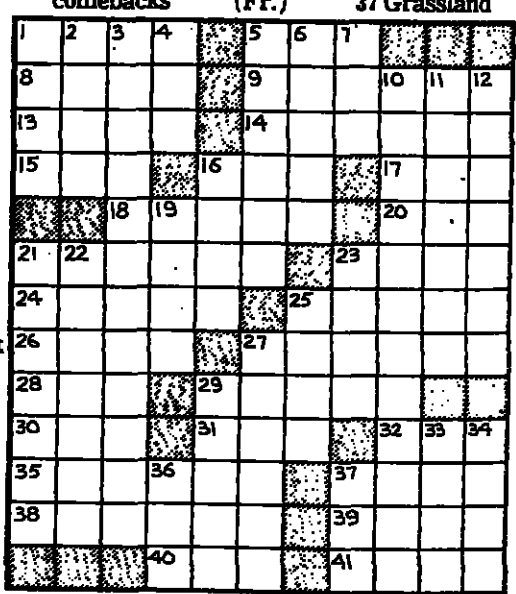
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Not a time to count on the support of others, especially in financial matters. Friends with problems are liable to intrude on your space.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You may have a rude awakening if a career plan was ill-conceived at the start. Others seem unsympathetic to your goals.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Wild party
5 "Butter-milk Sky"
8 Region
9 One's scope
13 Calories laden
14 Expand the lungs
15 Taro root
16 Coal measure
17 Right off the
18 Tumultuous
20 "Quincy" co-star
21 Rudimentary walk
22 Move about
24 Nevers of football
25 Bus station
26 Muslim prayer call
27 Couches
28 Townsman
29 Principle
30 Babylonian deity
31 Jungle beast
32 Large container
35 Bruce Lee's specialty
37 Shirt fabric
38 Soccer team number

39 Colleen's name
40 Shrewmouse
41 Opening bet
DOWN
1 Uncovered
2 Dull
3 Acquired characteristics
4 Exclamation
5 Lazy
6 Bruce
7 Anglo-Saxon letter
10 Mannerism
11 Grand feeling
12 Snappy comebacks
16 Tessera
19 Thor's father
21 Four o'clock treat
22 Number
23 Wine's delicacy: "hello"
(Fr.)
25 Break bread
27 Rely
29 Southerner's potato
33 — pricing
34 Marrow source
36 Neronian
37 Grassland

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X
K L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

BYEQ TC DRSWDI KWSWV
UTWC, LNQ JECWC TKQR
RQYWV DRSWDTKWCC. — QYROEC
LETDWI EDUVTPT
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THERE ARE NO RULES OF ARCHITECTURE FOR A CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS.— G.K.CHESTERTON

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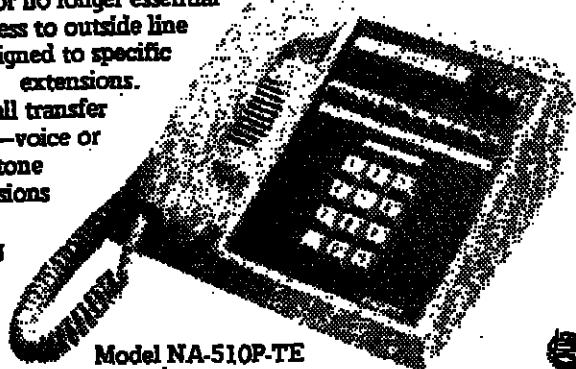
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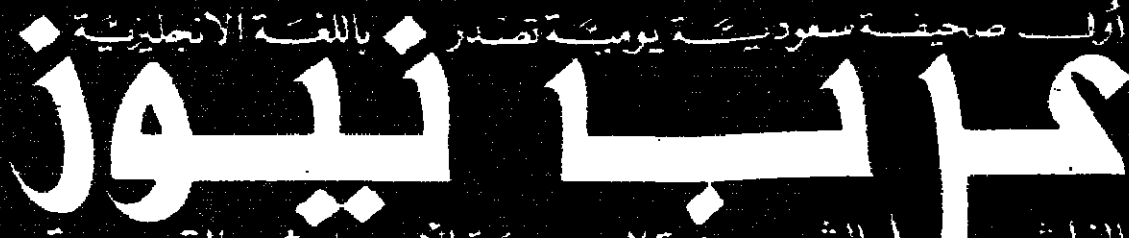
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Iranians set up hostage committee

TEHRAN, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Iran's Majlis (parliament) tackled the U.S. hostage problem directly for the first time Tuesday, setting up a special committee to recommend future action on the issue.

But the parliamentary debate ended before the deputies could decide on how the committee members would be chosen or what powers they would have. Majlis speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said the next sitting — probably on Thursday — would again be devoted to the issue.

The committee's deliberations are expected to be held behind closed doors, and some observers speculated that this might limit temptation to make demagogic speeches.

Two moves to hold off the debate on the hostages were defeated. One effort and called for the debate to be held in camera during unofficial sessions, and a second sought a delay in debate "as long as America has not ceased its provocations and plots against Iran."

The United States Monday sounded relatively hopeful about its efforts to bring about the release of the American hostages still held in Iran but a day later new warnings on conditions for the return of the captives came from Tehran.

President Jimmy Carter, asked at an elec-

tion meeting in Texas about what he had done to win the release of the 52 Americans, made his most optimistic-sounding appraisal to date. Apparently referring to recent remarks by Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, Carter said: "They are making statements in Iran that might very well lead to a resolution of this problem in the future."

But Secretary of State Edmund Muskie urged caution in reactions to statements from Iran. "I think it would be a mistake to raise expectations based on any specific statements," Muskie told a press conference.

Hardline deputy Sayyid Fakhroddin Rahimi said Tuesday "the spy-hostages must be tried and executed and the non-spy hostages released on conditions" but speaker Rafsanjani told him the statement was complicated and that he and the others should stick to setting up procedures for considering the issues.

Rafsanjani and two key Iranian religious leaders said Monday the revolutionary regime has not dropped its demand that the U.S. government apologize for past actions in Iran, and the Islamic fundamentalist Tehran newspaper *Ettelaat* again demanded the hostages be tried as spies.

Muskie said although the U.S. government has been working through various channels in



Hashemi Rafsanjani

recent months to open talks with the Iranians he couldn't point to any effort that has produced results. He said the Montreal newspaper *La Presse* was "incorrect" when it reported that secret negotiations have been under way between the State Department and former Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh in an effort to get the hostages released before the U.S. presidential election.

Nov. 4, Election Day, will also be the first anniversary of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the seizure of the hostages by young Islamic militants.

Russian soldier defects

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (R) — A Soviet soldier on duty in Afghanistan entered the U.S. Embassy in Kabul Monday and requested political asylum in the United States, the State Department said. The Department said the U.S. government was taking all steps to make arrangements consistent with the express wishes of the soldier.

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin called on Under-Secretary of State David Newsom to discuss the question, U.S. officials said.

The officials said the U.S. government usually did not grant asylum outside the United States except where a person's life appeared to be in danger. The Department's statement made clear that no decision had yet been made on the soldier's request. A decision was unlikely until it was known whether the soldier could leave Afghanistan, where Soviet troops were sent last December.

Officials said they had no additional details on the asylum request, but they concede it seemed to be unprecedented.

The only similar cases that could be recalled were those of Simas Kudirka, a Soviet seaman who in 1970 tried to defect to the United States by jumping to a coast guard cutter off Massachusetts, and Victor Belenko, a Soviet pilot who in 1976 flew his jet fighter to Japan and later defected to the United States.

Kudirka was returned to his vessel and sentenced to a 10-year term in a Soviet prison.

Gold prices dip, dollar mixed as traders think oil

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Gold prices dipped and the U.S. dollar was mixed on world finance markets Tuesday. European trading was quiet with attention fixed on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries conference in Vienna.

In Tokyo, where banks were closed Monday for a holiday, the yen continued its September surge. The dollar closed at 211.85 yen, down from last Friday's 214.70 yen and 219.20 yen at the end of August.

Market sources said Mideast oil producing nations continued to unload dollars to buy yen, driving the dollar down to its lowest point against the Japanese currency since May 14, 1977, when it was worth 211.60 yen. The basic reason for the surge is the improved performance of Japan's trade surplus economy, rather than any weakness of the dollar, analysts said.

Gold bullion prices, which fell sharply Monday amid reports that OPEC members might postpone any oil price increase, slipped further Tuesday.

London's five bullion houses fixed the morning price at \$668 a troy ounce, down from Monday's closing \$670. In Zurich, the mid-morning price was \$666.50 down from \$672.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold dropped \$8.17 to close at \$665.41 compared to \$673.58 on Monday.

Silver was trading at a median \$19.75 an ounce in London, down from \$19.85.

The British pound held steady early in the day at around \$2.40 as money markets awaited word on a threatened strike by British dockworkers. The pound fell to \$2.39 when word of the labor dispute stirred memories of the 1972 shutdown, which cost the country millions of dollars.

Fiat kidnap trial to open in Paris

PARIS, Sept. 16 (AFP) — An unusual trial will open in the central criminal court here Wednesday when six men accused of kidnapping Luciano Revelli-Beaumont, then Fiat head in France, will be tried in their absence.

Revelli-Beaumont, a Frenchman, was kidnapped on April 13, 1977 and held for 89 days. Five Argentines, members of the *Percepsia* movement, and an Italian, managed to flee to Spain, after payment of the ransom of \$2 million. Three-quarters of the ransom was recovered.

The Spanish authorities arrested the six men in July, 1977, but refused to extradite them to France on the grounds that they acted for political motives. The French court will hear charges of sequestration, seizing a hostage and threatening death, which are punishable by the death penalty.

Revelli-Beaumont was based for some time in Brazil and Argentina, which perhaps explains the nationality of five of the accused. The Revelli-Beaumont affair shocked France as the kidnappers claimed that he was "being held in a people's prison and will be tried by a workers' tribunal."

The kidnappers also said that "Fiat will be accused of exploiting the working class until workers die of famine" and of "looting the third world". Revelli-Beaumont left Fiat several weeks after he was freed.



CAPTIVES: The Soviet news agency Tass issued this photo from Gazal province, Afghanistan, with a caption stating that the Afghan soldier is marching "bandits" from the place they were captured in a raid against insurgents.

Told to fly Soviet troops, Afghan pilot chose asylum

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 16 (R) — The chief pilot of Afghanistan's Ariana Airline described in an interview broadcast Monday how he and many of his colleagues decided to defect after being forced to transport arms and troops for the war against Muslim insurgents.

Capt. Habibullah Balkhi told the West German Deutsche Welle radio that he and other airline staff planned well in advance for an escape operation which ended with the arrival in Frankfurt Sunday of 15 Ariana pilots, stewards and officials.

The DC 10 airliner which brought them and about 100 passengers from Kabul was delayed here for 24 hours after Balkhi refused to take over as pilot for the onward flight to London. Instead, he and the Ariana personnel said they would be staying in the West along with members of their families and more than 200 other airline workers who, they said, had left Afghanistan before them.

Their decision was prompted by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the discovery that "on our aircraft they are transporting ammunition and machineguns to kill our own people", Balkhi said.

"I have decided to leave the Russians to handle the airline because the Russian invasion is terrible... we have a lot of bad experiences in Afghanistan due to the bloodshed, the killing of innocent people, women and children," he said.

Balkhi arrived in West Germany last week ready to take the DC 10 on to London and then fly back to Kabul. His defection forced a Ariana to delay the flight in Frankfurt until Monday night.

Only days before leaving Afghanistan Balkhi said he was placed under house arrest in Kabul for suspected sympathy with the Mujahiddin. He was allowed to return to his

job only after pledging allegiance to the Soviet-backed government.

Asked about possible reprisals against his relatives, Balkhi said several of them were already in the West. It had been part of the escape plan "to take care of the families first before we left Afghanistan."

Detailing his reasons for leaving, he alleged that on internal flights in Afghanistan Ariana was flying Soviet military advisers and Afghan troops aboard its American-made Boeing 727 airliners.

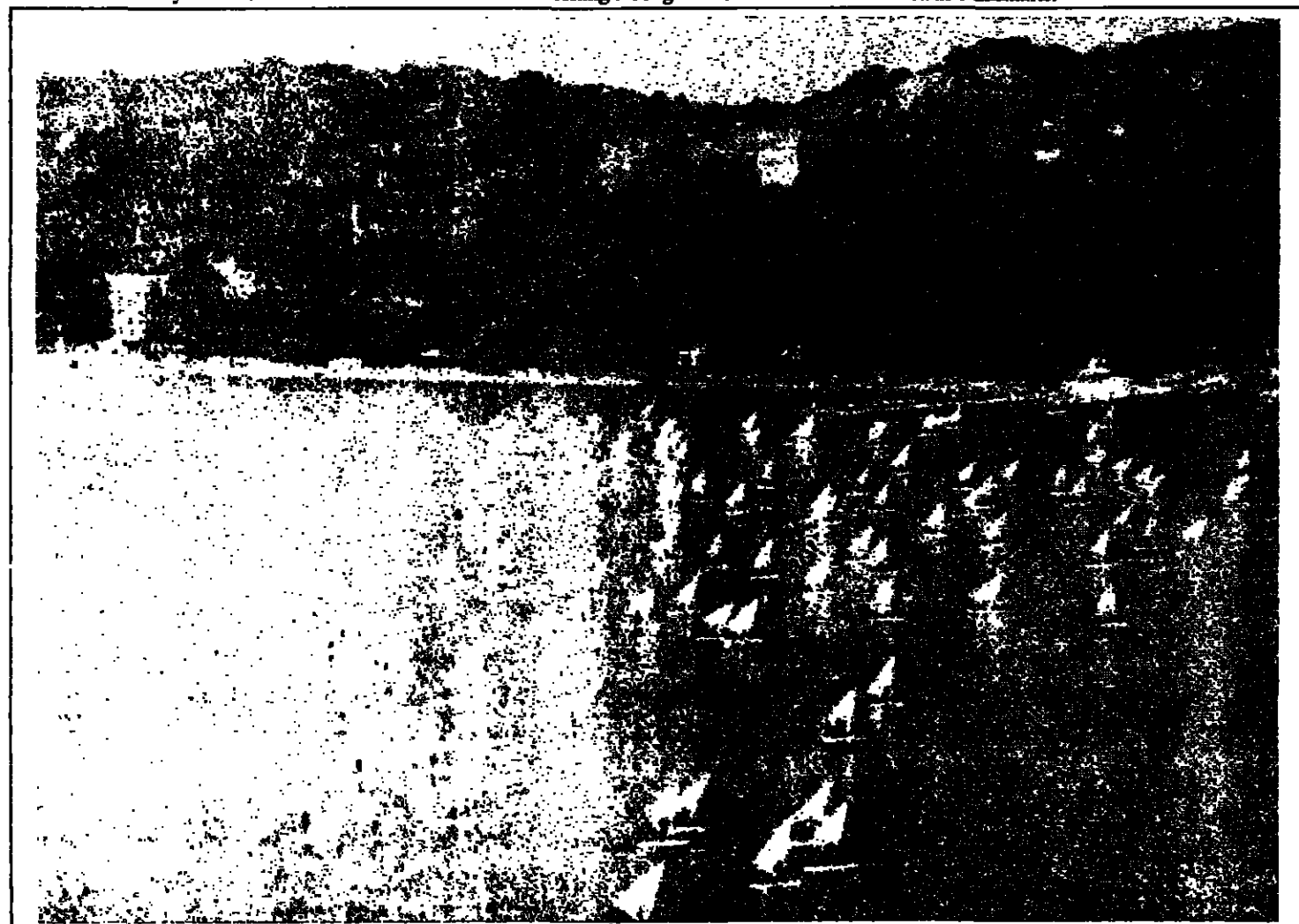
Another pilot, Abdul Rahman, who arrived Sunday with orders to fly back a Boeing airliner after maintenance in Hamburg, said he had also seen advisers from Cuba, Vietnam, Czechoslovakia and South Yemen. The airline's maintenance manager, Urgun Wal, told Deutsche Welle that complaints to the Kabul government about the danger of flights in battle zones were rejected. Pilots were told to carry on flying.

Wal said that he personally found an unexploded shell embedded in the rear cone of one aircraft brought in for repairs.

"We were lucky the bullet did not explode otherwise 125 people would have been killed," he said.

An airline spokesman in Frankfurt said he could not confirm that more than 250 Ariana staff had left Afghanistan since the Soviet intervention. "We don't keep statistics but we have had quite a few (defections)," he said. The Afghan Embassy in Bonn declined all comment on the affair.

The Soviets invaded Afghanistan late last year, ousted the government of Hafizullah Amin, had him executed, and installed a Communist, Babrak Karmal, in his stead. Karmal has said the Soviets would leave the country if Western nations and Afghanistan's neighbors would publicly declare they would not try to topple him afterwards.



(AP photo)

WINDBLOWN: Windgliders skim the placid surface of Lake Balaton, Hungary, in the 4th world championships earlier this month. The tiny craft raced from Tihany to Balatonfured, a distance of several kilometers.

Polish leaders pledge anti-corruption drive

WARSAW, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Polish Communist leaders, reacting to grassroots pressure, have promised action to stamp out bribery and corruption and purge the party of dishonest officials.

In a speech broadcast over state television Monday night, President Henryk Jablonski called for "surgical cuts" to save society from bribery, corruption and the abuse of official positions for personal profit. The president's address, to the presidium of the National Front, the Communist-controlled umbrella organization for all legal grouping in Poland, echoed an editorial in the Communist Party newspaper which said dishonest and corrupt officials would be purged from the party.

Jablonski said there must be action against abuse no matter where it happened. The latest promises came against the background of

a series of internal party debates at which disenchanted Communists bitterly attacked privileges enjoyed by senior bureaucrats.

Reports last week said the government had launched an investigation into the operations of Polish radio and television amid allegations that former Director Maciej Szczepanski had diverted funds for his personal use.

"Lack of respect for socially owned property, exploitation of position for personal gain, bribery, corruption, and all other forms of law breaking — these things, unfortunately, happen in several circles," Jablonski said.

"We must be ruthless in the right against those infectious illnesses so dangerous for the social organism. And the only way to defend the healthy part of the community is a 'surgical cut' regardless of where such illness is

located," he said.

Szczepanski, a close friend of former Communist Party leader Edward Gierek, was removed from his post during the sweeping cabinet shuffle Aug. 24. The official PAP news agency reported last week that an investigation had begun into the operations of the radio and TV but made no mention of the former director.

But sources at the radio and television stations say employees were told by management that allegations of corruption had been made against Szczepanski. The allegations have not yet been publicly proved.

The references to corruption may herald a review of party membership records and a possible purge of some members. Party leader Stanislaw Kania has been quoted as saying the party may hold an extraordinary congress, perhaps late this year, to discuss the social and political situation in the country. In a commentary, the party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* called on party members to live up to high moral standards.

On the economy, Jablonski said the leadership was aware of the problems and was working toward solutions.

France cuts culture

PARIS, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Art circles complained here Tuesday that the French government plans to spend less on culture next year one half of one per cent of the total national budget.

The draft 1981 culture budget showed a figure of (about \$300 million). This works out at 0.48 per cent of the national budget. The current 1980 budget is 0.54 per cent.

Art circles here pointed out bitterly that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has broken the election promise he made in 1974, to double the amount of state spending on culture.



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